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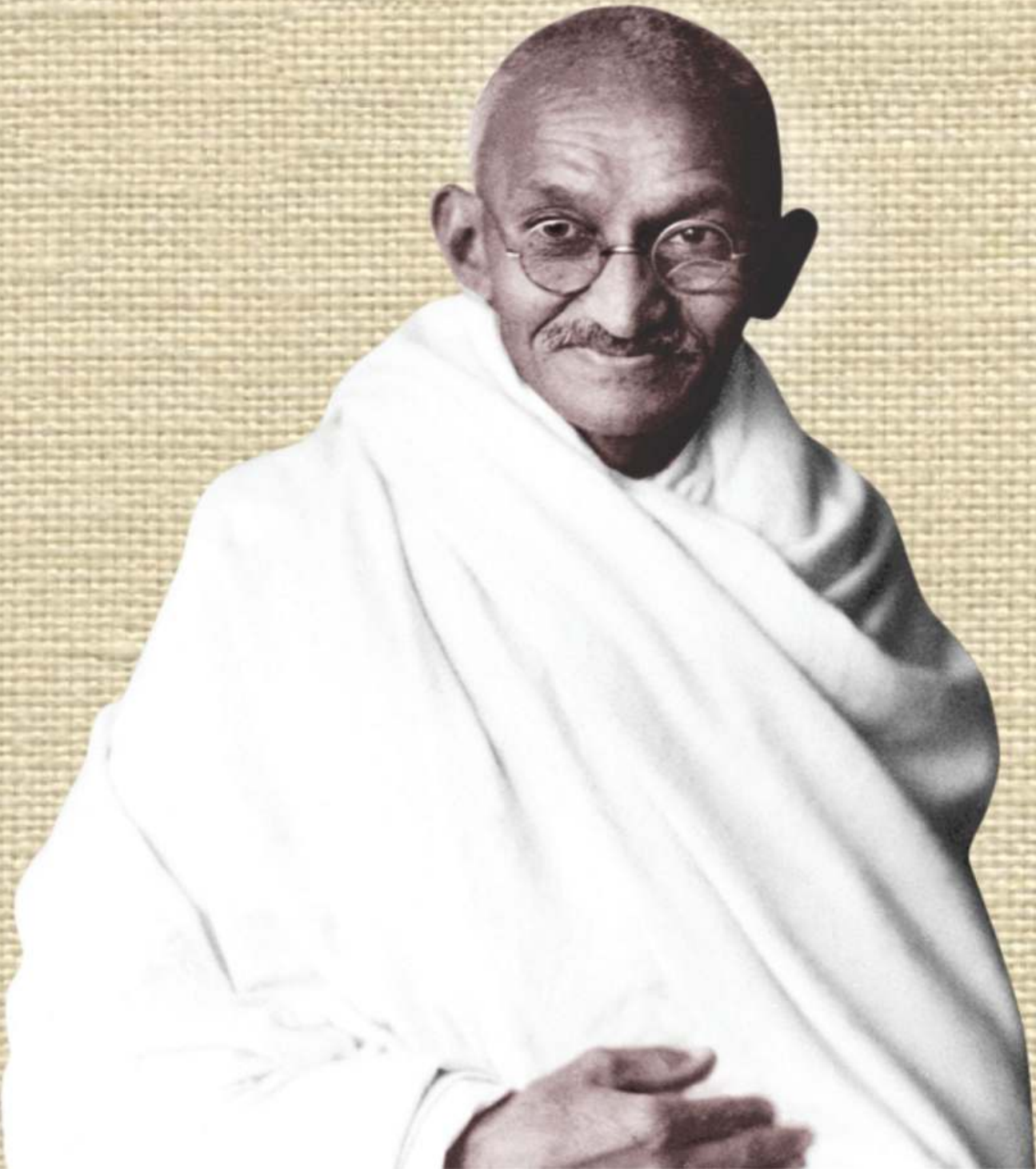
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Rajeev Kumar gets  
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## NEARBY



Illegal Bangladeshis in  
U.P. to be deported

LUCKNOW  
Weeks after U.P. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath suggested a National Register of Citizens-type drive, the police have been asked to identify Bangladeshis and other foreign nationals "living illegally" in the State so that they can be deported. The move was important from the point of "internal security" in the State, DGP O.P. Singh said.

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OPPORTUNITIES PAGE 10

## Verdict diluting SC/ST anti-atrocities law recalled

SC's 2018 judgment sparked protests

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

Correcting an error of judgment, the Supreme Court on Tuesday recalled its March 20, 2018 verdict, which bent the written law to protect persons accused of committing atrocities against the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.

On March 20, a judgment by Justice A.K. Goel (now retired) diluted the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, to grant anticipatory bail to accused persons and directed that the police conduct a preliminary enquiry into whether a complaint under the law is "frivolous or motivated" before registering a case.

Both conditions were not part of the original legislation. Justice Goel had rea-

soned that members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes use the 1989 law to lodge false complaints, leading to the arrest of innocent persons.

The March 20 judgment triggered widespread protests and compelled the government to amend the Act to negate the effect of the ruling. It also filed a review petition against the verdict.

In its judgment on the review petition, a Bench of Justices Arun Mishra, M.R. Shah and B.R. Gawai said human failing and not caste is the reason for the filing of false criminal complaints. The court condemned its earlier judgment, saying it was against "basic human dignity" to treat all SC/ST community members as "a liar or crook".

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## India's 'oldest' chimpanzee dies at 59

Rita loved soft drinks and watching TV, say Delhi zoo officials

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

India's "oldest" chimpanzee, Rita, 59, died at the Delhi zoo on Tuesday afternoon following multiple organ failure, said zoo officials.

Rita was born at a zoo in Amsterdam in 1960 and was acquired by the National Zoological Park here in 1964. "The animal died on October 1, 2019 at 12.15 p.m. despite our best efforts and the best healthcare management provided to her," an official statement said.

Since July 27, the chimpanzee was only consuming fruit juices, milk and water. According to her post-mortem, conducted by a panel of veterinary doctors, the cause of her death was "multiple organ failure". "The tissues of the organs have been sent to



Rita died due to multiple organ failure.

IVRI [Indian Veterinary Research Institute] for further examination," the statement said.

A zoo official said Rita was like a small child. "She would respond when we spoke to her. I used to show her videos on my phone and she was ve-

## GST collections fall to a record low in Sept.

'Festive months may improve receipts'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

Subdued demand has resulted in revenue from the Goods and Services Tax (GST) dropping for the second consecutive month in September to a 19-month low of ₹91,916 crore.

However, analysts said the coming festive months should see an uptick in receipts. Official data released on Tuesday showed that the collections in September fell from ₹98,202 crore in August, which itself was lower than the ₹1,02,083 crore collected in July. The average monthly collections for financial year 2019-20 stand at ₹1,01,049 crore. The collections in September 2019 are lower than the ₹95,633 crore collected in August 2017, the very first complete month of GST collections.

"The total gross GST reve-



The September collection is ₹91,916 crore. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

nue collected in September 2019 is ₹91,916 crore, of which CGST is ₹16,630 crore, SGST ₹22,598 crore, IGST ₹45,069 crore and cess ₹7,620 crore," the government said in a release. "The total number of GSTR 3B returns filed for the month of August up to September 30, 2019, is 75.94 lakh."

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THE WORST MAY BE OVER  
EDITORIAL

## Banking system is safe, stable: RBI

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI

With the panic over the crisis at the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank threatening to snowball, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday stepped in to assure depositors.

The RBI issued a statement that the banking system was "safe and stable".

"There are rumours... about certain banks, including cooperative banks, resulting in anxiety among depositors. The RBI would like to assure the public that the banking system is safe and stable and there is no need to panic on the basis of such rumours," it tweeted.

BANK STOCKS PLUNGE PAGE 11

## SC defers hearing on pleas challenging J&K bifurcation

Act effective from October 31; Centre, J&K govt. given till Nov. 14 to file counters

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL  
NEW DELHI

A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court on Tuesday did not intervene in the implementation of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, from October 31.

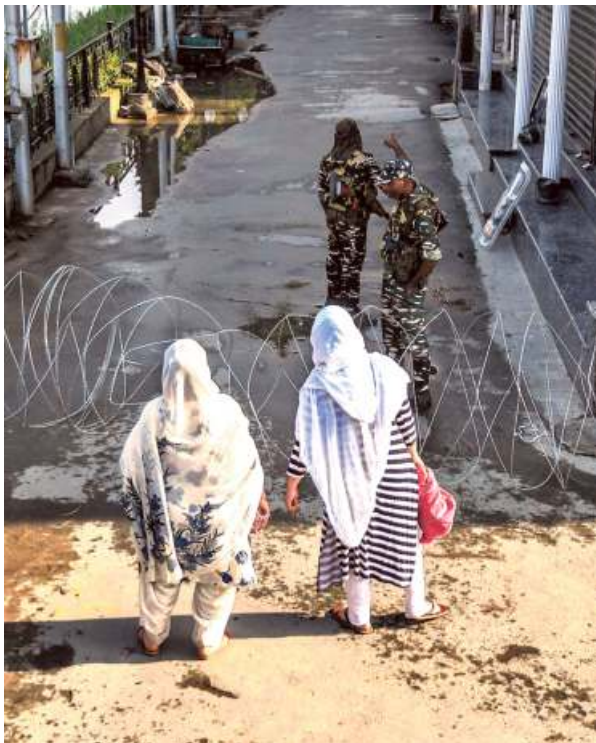
The Act reorganises Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories – Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. A fresh delimitation process will follow.

The five-judge Bench, led by Justice N.V. Ramana, wound up the hearing shortly after realising that the Central and State governments had not filed any response to the series of petitions challenging the dilution of Article 370, withdrawing the special rights and privileges of the Kashmiri people, and the reorganisation of the State.

### Deadline missed

Both the Centre and the State government were issued notices by the court on the main petition filed by advocate M.L. Sharma on August 28. Yet Attorney General K.K. Venugopal, for the Centre, on Tuesday, sought more time to file the replies. And Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, for Jammu & Kashmir, followed suit.

The Bench promptly agreed to the requests. It gave them four weeks to file



Fenced off: Jammu and Kashmir has been under lockdown since August 5. NISSAR AHMAD

counter-affidavits and scheduled the next date of hearing for November 14 – a fortnight after the Act is implemented.

"A realistic time limit," Mr. Mehta reacted.

Senior advocate Raju Ramachandran, for some of the petitioners, tried to convince the court in vain that a deferment of the hearing to a date after the implementa-

tion of the Act would effectively leave the petitions infructuous.

"In the previous hearing, this court had ordered the government to exchange the pleadings. But now the government is still asking for time. The Act comes into existence from October 31, and this case would be rendered infructuous," he said.

Again, though the cases

were referred to the Constitution Bench on August 28, the Chief Justice of India had set up the Bench only last week.

The petitioners argued that once the delimitation process starts, the effect would be irreversible.

### Petitioners ignored

"It is better we wait for them [the Centre and the State] to file their counter-affidavits," Justice Ramana replied.

The other judges on the Bench were also of the same opinion. Justice S.K. Kaul advised the petitioners: "First let us ensure the pleadings are completed."

"But we object to the government's request for more time..." Mr. Ramachandran insisted.

"How can we hear without their counters?" Justice B.R. Gawai addressed Mr. Ramachandran as Justice Surya Kant, the fifth judge on the Bench, remained silent.

The Bench said that even if the Act came into existence, the court could "turn the clock back" if a judgment is later made in favour of the petitioners.

The Bench made it clear that, if necessary, it would even direct the Centre to produce the relevant documents pertaining to its decision to scrap the special status of Jammu & Kashmir.

100% landlines are working...  
Mobile phone services lines started in J&K only in 2005...  
If mobiles start, WhatsApp messages will come from across the border  
TUSHAR MEHTA  
SOLICITOR GENERAL

There has to be a balance between personal liberty and the national security. The [SC] order had also urged the government to keep national security in mind before restoring connectivity  
JUSTICE B.R. GAVAI

## No curbs thrust on Kashmiris: Centre

100% landlines working, says S-G

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

Fifty-six days into a lockdown that began on August 5 in Jammu and Kashmir, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta claimed in the Supreme Court on Tuesday that "no restrictions" had been thrust on the Kashmiris and "100% landlines are working".

At one point when one of the judges on the Bench, Justice B.R. Gawai, asked Mr. Mehta about the state of mobile phone connectivity in the State, the top law officer indicated that mobile phones were a relatively recent phenomenon in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Are there mobile lines working in J&K?" Justice Gawai asked.

"Mobile lines were there in the rest of the country from 1995, but it started in J&K only in 2005... If mobiles start, WhatsApp mes-

sages will come from across the border," Mr. Mehta replied.

Senior lawyer Vrinda Grover, for journalist Anuradha Bhasin, pressed the Bench, led by Justice N.V. Ramana, to focus on the question of why the lockdown was continuing, now for the 56th day.

Senior advocate Mee-nakshi Arora submitted that "people who come from far-flung districts of Jammu and Kashmir are not able to access medical care in Srinagar... Health schemes, including the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, is linked to the Internet." But Mr. Mehta said all these claims about the inability to access health care were "absolutely wrong". He submitted, "They are being said for something else, which I don't want to say now."

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## Fadnavis must face trial over poll papers: SC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

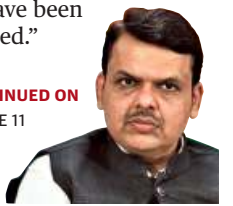
Dealing a blow to Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis days before the Assembly election, the Supreme Court on Tuesday directed that he face trial for suppressing information in his 2014 election documents about two forgery and criminal defamation cases pending in a Nagpur court.

A Bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose ordered the trial court to continue with the case against Mr. Fadnavis under Section 125-A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

The decision came on an appeal filed by Satish Ukey, a lawyer, against a Bombay High Court decision. The High Court had set aside a sessions court go-ahead to try Mr. Fadnavis.

The judgment by Chief Justice Gogoi held that a "contesting candidate is mandated to furnish information concerning the cases in which a competent court has taken cognisance, along with the cases in which charges have been framed."

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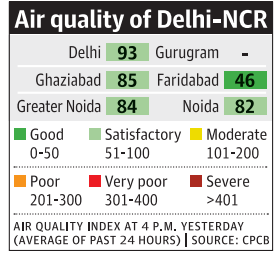
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**Awareness ride flagged off**

NEW DELHI  
Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam on Tuesday flagged off the "longest" 'Accessible Awareness Ride' from India Gate. About twenty differently-abled people will travel 3,500 km in retrofitted scooters during the awareness ride.

# CM tells schoolchildren to be dengue warriors

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI  
Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday played the role of a teacher and held a class on dengue for children at Veer Savarkar Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya in Kalkaji as part of the "10 Hafte 10 Baje 10 Minute campaign". The session was streamed live across over 1,000 government schools and several private institutions across the city.  
During his "class" Mr. Kejriwal explained to children the risks of dengue and how to prevent it. He sought their assurance in preventing dengue and the children promised him that they will inspect their houses and will also make their neighbours aware of inspecting their houses to make Delhi dengue-free.  
"I have come today as a teacher, not as your CM. We have to join the campaign every week for ten minutes to save ourselves and our families. I have a lot of expectation from children because nobody can turn down a child's appeal. I urge you children to take the first step towards checking clean stagnant water in your homes and then motivate your parents to do the same," he said.

# Amended MV Act: 67% dip in challans in first month

Number dropped from 5.2 lakh in Sept. 2018 to 1.7 lakh last month

**STAFF REPORTER**  
NEW DELHI

In the first month after implementation of the amended Motor Vehicles Act, traffic challans issued by the police saw a decline of 66.8%, data shared by Delhi Police shows.  
Officials said that in September 2018, the total number of challans issued by traffic police were 5,24,819, but in September 2019 the number of challans issued stood at 1,73,921. "The drop in challans is due to all cases being sent to the court as compounding power has not been given to the police so far in Delhi," they said in a statement.  
Further, the police said that earlier 95% cases were compounded on the spot and only 5% cases were forwarded to the court. "Secondly, there is focus on strict regulation and improving compliance along with effective enforcement," they said.  
A senior police officer said that the reason behind the dip is because people on the



The amended Motor Vehicles Act was implemented on September 1 in the Capital. ■ FILE PHOTO: PRASHANT SONI

road have become more cautious to prevent themselves from the hassle of going to court.  
"People are aware that all the challans are being sent to court, therefore, if they violate traffic rules and are penalised they will have to go through court proceedings which are inevitably time consuming," he said.  
A traffic policeman posted near Sarai Kale Khan, who did not wish to be identified, said that not only have people become more conscious but also officers on duty try to understand the situation and let them go. "We also understand that they will have

## DELHI TODAY

# Remove abandoned vehicles from roads: HC

**STAFF REPORTER**  
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has directed the authorities here to remove abandoned vehicles from roads, public parking areas and other places as early as possible.  
A Bench of Chief Justice D.N. Patel and Justice C. Hari Shankar said the authorities are permitted to take actions like auctioning or deregistration of abandoned vehicles in accordance with law and government policies applicable to the facts of the case.

The Bench said, in case there is any stay granted by any competent court or tribunal, it should be looked into scrupulously before the removal of such vehicles.  
The High Court was hearing a petition by Umesh Sharma seeking direction to the Delhi government to ensure cancellation of registration of such vehicles which are rendered permanently incapable of being used and have been abandoned and parked at various public spaces.

**Talk:** Kavi Sammelan to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Participating poets writing in Hindi language: Dr. Balauroop Rahi, Ashok Kashyap, Dr. Laxmi Shankar Bajpai, Dr. Naresh Shandilya, Dr. B.L. Gaur and Dr. Alka Sinha at Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre (IHC), 7 p.m.  
**Exhibition:** "Tranquil Tapestry", a solo photography exhibition, which captures wildlife by Alvia Syed at Convention Centre Foyer, India Habitat Centre (IHC), 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Exhibition:** "Mauj-e-Junoona (waves of obsession)", a group show of paintings by Anita Malik, Dr. Ranjan Mallik, Dr. Richa Dhamija & Vipul Saini at Open Palm Court Gallery, India Habitat Centre (IHC), 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
**Exhibition:** "Gandhi Mere Mulk Mein", a group art show at Academy of Fine Arts & Literature (AFAL), 4/6, Sirfort Institutional Area, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
(Mail your listings for this column at [cityeditor@delhi@thehindu.co.in](mailto:cityeditor@delhi@thehindu.co.in))

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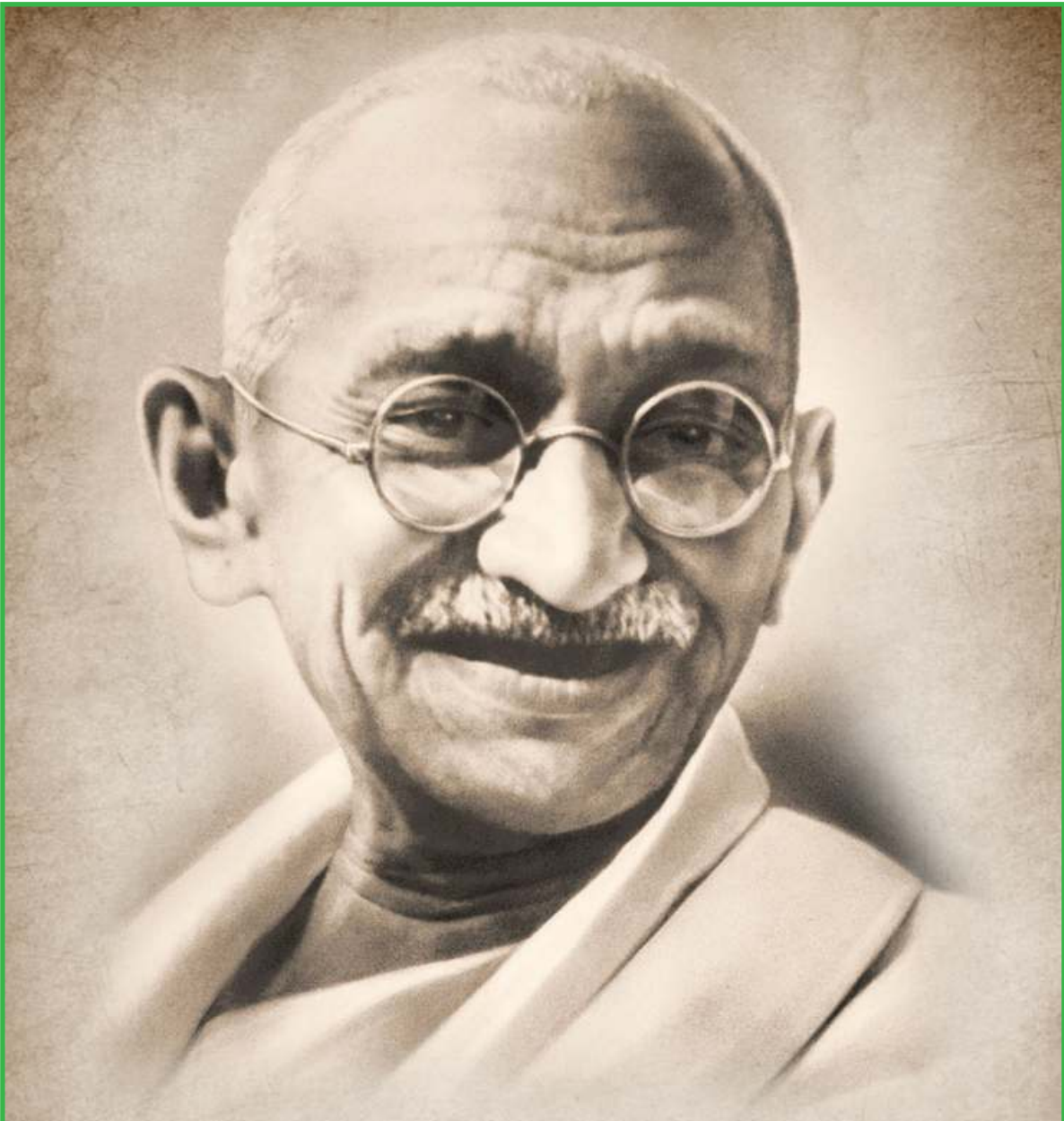
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# Puri bats for gyms in residential areas

Minister asks DDA to amend master plan

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
**NEW DELHI**  
After meeting a delegation of gym owners who complained of fitness centres being sealed in residential areas, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri on Tuesday said he had asked the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to amend the Master Plan of Delhi-2021 to allow the gyms to function. In a series of tweets, Mr. Puri said Delhi BJP leaders and a delegation of the Delhi Gym Owners’ Association had met him on Tuesday and informed him of the sealing of gyms in residential areas. “We live in a New India where tremendous emphasis is laid on health & fitness. Our sporting champions too have changed the global narrative on India’s collective fitness as a nation. People of all ages head to their fitness & yoga centres, first thing in the morning. (sic),” he said. He added that it was imperative that fitness and yoga centres are located at a walking distance for Delhiites. The Minister said he had directed the DDA vice-chairperson to make sure that “an amendment to this effect is expeditiously moved in MPD-2021 so that citizens can continue to live and exercise in close vicinity”. Gym owners had raised the issue earlier this week, saying that on orders of the Supreme Court-appointed Monitoring Committee, gyms opened in residential areas after August 12, 2008, were being sealed. This, they had said, affected the livelihoods of thousands of people.

# Builder jailed over dues of ₹147 crore in Ghaziabad

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A builder was sent behind bars by Revenue department officials here on Tuesday over non-payment of ₹147.59 crore due towards Ghaziabad Development Authority (GDA). The action was taken against Sanjeev J. Aeron of Celebration City Project on the instructions of District Magistrate Ajay Shankar Pandey. “Celebration City Project is among the major defaulters of GDA. It has dues of ₹147.59 crore pending towards GDA,” Deputy Collector (Sadar) A.K. Prajapati said. The administration has warned of action against defaulters and said it is carrying out a drive to recover pending dues from builders.

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**STAFF REPORTER**  
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Three persons have been arrested and 800 kg of marijuana worth ₹2.4 crore has been recovered from their possession, the police said on Tuesday. Additional Commissioner of Police (Crime Branch) B.K. Singh said the accused have been identified as Jaipal Yadav (33), Vikas Kumar (22) and Purshottam Kumar (34), all residents of Patna. “On September 23, police got a tip-off and laid a trap near Najafgarh and two persons (Jaipal and Vikas) were apprehended, while they were travelling in a truck. A total of 800 kg of marijuana packed in 32 plastic gunny bags was recovered from the vehicle,” he said. During interrogation, the accused allegedly told the police that the marijuana had been sent by Purshottam for smuggling in Delhi. At their instance, Purshottam was apprehended from Bihar. “Purshottam disclosed he had loaded the truck with ganja in Andhra Pradesh and had sent the contraband to Delhi for sale,” Mr. Singh said. The police said that Purshottam and his associate Mohammad Salaam have been involved in smuggling since 2010 and that Purshottam has never been arrested earlier. Purushotam and Salaam used to travel to Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, almost twice a month to procure the drug from local sources in the jungle and loaded it onto trucks for smuggling to various parts of the country, including Delhi and NCR, the police said. Salaam was arrested on September 19 and is presently in jail



The accused in police custody on Tuesday.  
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## Three Dilli Haats to be declared plastic-free today

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

All three Dilli Haats and the Garden of Five Senses will be declared plastic-free on Wednesday under the nation-wide programme, 'Swachhta hi Seva'.

"Dilli Haats at INA, Janakpuri and Pitampura, and the Garden of Five Senses will be declared plastic-free by the Tourism Department.

There will be kiosks outside the Dilli Haats selling eco-friendly options. Officials will also request people to not carry plastic items inside," said Secretary of Department of Urban Development (UD) Manish Saxena.

Awareness programmes will be held in all Delhi government-run schools and students will be administered a pledge to reduce the

use of plastic and switch to eco-friendly options, the officer said. The Delhi government will also launch a campaign against use of plastic on Wednesday. The UD secretary said all municipal bodies will run ward-level awareness programmes.

Meanwhile, the South Delhi Municipal Corporation on Tuesday declared four schools, four residents'

welfare associations and two universities (National Law University and IGNOU's Madangir campus) as "plastic free". As part of its campaign to put an end to single-use plastic, the civic body has been carrying out drives to discourage the use of such material and has been declaring several locations, including markets as "plastic-free".

## Sonia, Rahul and Priyanka to lead 'padyatras'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

Top Congress leaders, including the party's interim chief Sonia Gandhi will be leading padyatras on Wednesday across the country to highlight Mahatma Gandhi's ideology.

Sonia Gandhi will lead a march in Delhi and will be joined by her son and former party chief, Rahul Gandhi; Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will lead a padyatra in Lucknow.

Sonia Gandhi will march from the office of the Delhi Congress to Rajghat.

Responding to BJP's mega plans to commemorate the Mahatma's 150 birth anniversary, Congress general secretary K.C. Venugopal said: "The question is how much of it is real or posturing, or misappropriation for political benefits."

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I, PARITOSH, son of Navin Dwivedi, resident of 934 D Gulmohar Greens, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad UP, have changed my name from Paritosh to Paritosh Dwivedi vide affidavit (98AD 896859) dated 30/09/2019 at Ghaziabad.

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## Relief works on in rain-battered Bihar

NDRF, SDRF personnel swing into action

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
PATNA

Relief and rescue operations are on in full swing in Bihar, including in State capital Patna, as people struggled to recover from the devastation wrought by torrential rain, which has claimed close to 30 lives and caused heavy damage to property.

Relief materials are being distributed by NDRF and SDRF personnel who are reaching out to people marooned inside homes, helping in relocation of those who so desired, and delivering packets of food, medicines and packaged drinking water to them.

## Relief material

Indian Air Force helicopters hovered over flooded areas, especially the densely populated ones like Kankar Bagh and Hanuman Nagar in Patna, dropping packets of relief material as residents stood atop roofs. Chief Secretary Deepak Kumar exuded confidence that inundation would ease significantly by Wednesday as water would be flushed out with the help of heavy duty



**Salvaging valuables:** Residents of flood-affected areas of Rajendra Nagar in Patna transporting their belongings to safer places on Tuesday. ■RANJEET KUMAR

## 'Situation was mishandled'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday criticised the Nitish Kumar-led NDA government of Bihar for 'mishandling' the flood situation in the State and alleged that 'corruption' in laying storm water pipes under the Namame Ganga project resulted in unprecedented flooding

pumps brought from Coal India units in Chhattisgarh.

Building Construction Minister Ashok Chowdhury

and water logging in Patna.

Congress in-charge of Bihar Shakti Singh Gohil, made these allegations at a press conference at the All India Congress Committee office. The party also played out a small clip of a sitting lawmaker of JD(U) Narendra Singh who accused the State of a callous attitude in dealing with the situation.

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## BJP leader joins SAD, to contest Haryana poll

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
CHANDIGARH

In a tit-for-tat, the SAD on Tuesday inducted BJP's Rajinder Singh Desu Jodha into the party fold and declared him the party candidate from Haryana's Kalanwali for the October 21 Assembly polls.

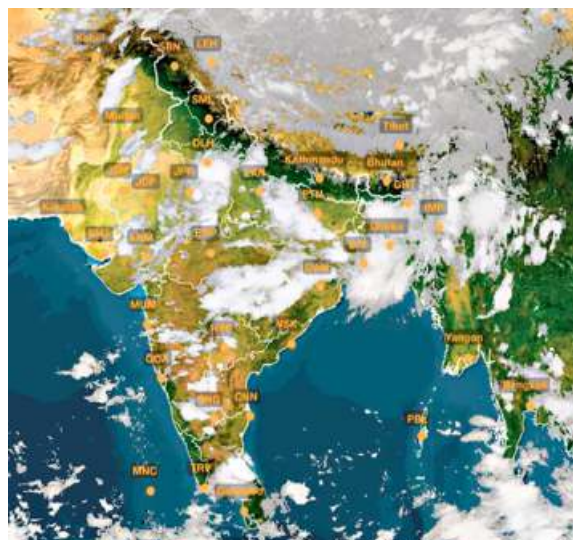
His induction into the Shiromani Akali Dal came

days after its lone MLA from Kalanwali in the State defected to the saffron party. Mr. Jodha was the BJP candidate from the Kalanwali in the 2014 Assembly polls.

"Sukhbir Singh Badal announced Jodha as the SAD candidate from the Kalanwali Assembly segment," senior SAD party Daljit Singh Cheema said in his tweet.

## WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

**Forecast for Wednesday:** Heavy rainfall likely over eastern Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	3.1	27.8	24.2	Kozhikode	11.6	32.0	24.4
Ahmedabad	16.8	29.0	23.0	Kurnool	...	34.1	24.4
Aizawl	20.0	...	18.2	Lucknow	...	26.7	21.6
Allahabad	...	29.5	23.3	Madurai	2.6	31.6	23.4
Bengaluru	...	30.3	21.4	Mangaluru	6.0	32.1	23.4
Bhopal	10.5	30.3	21.4	Mumbai	0.8	31.6	26.0
Bhubaneswar	...	31.3	24.9	Mysuru	...	29.5	20.8
Chandigarh	0.5	28.8	22.4	New Delhi	...	32.8	23.8
Chennai	1.2	32.8	25.8	Patna	...	25.9	23.0
Coimbatore	2.0	31.1	22.6	Port Blair	...	31.9	24.6
Dehradun	16.5	26.7	20.8	Puducherry	...	32.2	23.8
Gangtok	1.3	20.8	14.5	Pune	...	31.1	20.4
Goa	...	32.3	24.6	Raipur	...	31.0	24.5
Guwahati	25.3	26.5	22.6	Ranchi	...	29.4	20.4
Hubballi	...	29.0	21.0	Shillong	...	18.4	...
Hyderabad	16.6	30.1	22.2	Shimla	...	19.0	...
Imphal	0.2	28.1	19.5	Srinagar	...	5.2	...
Jaipur	...	32.6	24.0	Thiruvananthapuram	...	2.6	...
Kochi	0.4	30.2	22.2	Tiruchi	...	1.0	...
Kohima	7.8	26.2	14.4	Vijayawada	...	32.8	24.8
Kolkata	...	32.3	25.7	Visakhapatnam	1.6	30.4	26.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

**Pollutants in the air you are breathing**

Ahmedabad	119	95	118	34	33		<p>In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bahadurgarh, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 212 indicating a hazardous level of pollution. In contrast, Mahara, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 19.</p>
Bengaluru	7	22	74	103			
Chennai	6		27	124			
Delhi	5	80	43	81	238		
Hyderabad	6	43	32	135			
Kolkata	19	41	16	73	85		
Lucknow	3	39	57	66			
Mumbai	14	18	14	30	102		
Pune	86	8	66	31	81		
Visakhapatnam	17	43	45	51	34		

# Rajeev Kumar gets anticipatory bail

IPS officer will have to appear before CBI for questioning in Saradha scam case

SHIV SAHAY SINGH  
KOLKATA

In a major relief to senior IPS officer Rajeev Kumar, the Calcutta High Court on Tuesday granted him anticipatory bail in the Saradha chit fund scam case.



Rajeev Kumar. ■ FILE PHOTO

**‘Custodial interrogation’**  
A Division Bench of Justices Sahidullah Munshi and Subhasis Dasgupta accepted the interim bail petition moved by Mr. Kumar and observed that “custodial interrogation is not required” for the officer.

While the CBI cannot arrest him, he will have to appear as and when it calls him for interrogation, effectively meaning that Mr. Kumar

cannot evade questioning. He also cannot leave the city.

The CBI had opposed Mr. Kumar’s petition saying he had not responded to the summons issued by it over the past few weeks. Sources in the CBI said that the agency would move the Supreme Court challenging the High

Court order.

The HC order comes after nearly a week of in-camera hearing in the case where only counsels representing both the parties were present.

In the order, the Division Bench directed Mr. Kumar to furnish a personal bond of ₹50,000. The CBI could question Mr. Kumar, provided they give 48-hour prior notice to him to appear before it.

### Legal tussle

Mr. Kumar, who is at present posted as Additional Director General, CID, West Bengal Police, has not appeared before the CBI in connection with the Saradha scam over

the past few months and has sought more time from the investigating agency.

A legal tussle between the CBI and Mr. Kumar, who was earlier the Commissioner of Kolkata Police, has been raging since February when Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee held a dharna in protest against the CBI’s attempt to question Mr. Kumar.

On September 13, Justice Madhumati Mitra of the Calcutta High Court vacated all protection given to the IPS officer from appearing before the CBI. A city court on September 21 rejected his anticipatory bail petition after which he moved the Division Bench of the High Court.

# CBI books two IAS officers in mining case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation on Tuesday searched multiple locations in connection with alleged illegal renewal of 13 sand-mining leases in Uttar Pradesh’s Saharanpur district.

Among those named in

the case are two IAS officials, who were posted as District Magistrates during the check period.

“The searches have been conducted at 11 places,” said a CBI official.

According to the agency, papers related to two properties and ₹15 lakh in cash

were found at the Lucknow residence of Ajay Kumar Singh, a 1998-batch official.

Another accused, Pawan Kumar, is a 2008-batch official.

The other 10 accused, one of whom has died, are alleged beneficiaries.

The agency has alleged

that the officials, while working as District Magistrates of Saharanpur, renewed the leases without following e-tendering procedure as directed by the State government on May 31, 2012, and duly upheld by the Allahabad High Court in January 2013.

# Militant killed in Ganderbal encounter

His identity, affiliation yet to be established, says police official

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
SRINAGAR

One more militant was killed on Tuesday morning as an operation by the security forces in a forest range in Ganderbal district, adjacent to Srinagar, entered the fourth day.

“Security forces had a

fresh contact on Tuesday morning. In the gunfight, one militant was killed.” Superintendent of Police Khalil Poswal said.

Officials said one non-local militant was killed and two rifles were recovered on Saturday.

Sources said the two mili-

tants were part of a new group which infiltrated from the Gurez sector and trekked into Ganderbal district from the hilly passes of the Bakhtor area of Gurez valley.

The operation is on to nab other militants in Trumkhal in the Gangbal area, at an altitude of around 4,000

metres. “The identity of the slain militant could not be established immediately,” Mr. Poswal said. The area has been restricted for civilians and Bakerwals, the nomadic community which uses the passes to graze animals. “No civilian movement is allowed,” said the police.

# Odisha bans single-use plastic from today

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
BHUBANESWAR

The Odisha government has banned single-use plastic in all urban areas of the State from Gandhi Jayanti on Wednesday, an official said.

### Notice on Sept. 30

The State Forest and Environment Department in a notification issued on September 30 said the government has prohibited manufacture, sale, trade, import, storage, transportation and distribution of single-use plastics, the official said.

The ban will be imposed on polythene carry bags of any shape, thickness and size (excluding compostable) and Polyethylene Terephthalate (Pet/Pete) bottles of less than 200 ml capacity, the notification said.

It also banned single-use disposable cutleries made of thermo-

col (polystyrene), polyurethane and similar products of plastic such as dish, spoon, cup, plate, glass, fork, bowl, pouch to store liquid and container of any size and shape except for packing and selling of milk and other ancillary milk products and thermocol decorative materials.

### Polythene sheets

The vendors will not be allowed to use polythene sheets of less than 50-micron thickness for storing, transporting, dispensing or packaging of any article or commodity or food items, consumables, packaging of milk and milk products and edible oil in a sealed manner.

This, however, excludes any plastic carrying and transporting garbage and containers for milk products and polythene packing materials used in health-care sector, the notification said.

# New trapdoor spider species discovered

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

A new trapdoor spider species has been discovered by Sanjay Keshari Das, Assistant Professor, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi, in a deciduous forest near Nilagiri town in Odisha during field surveys this year.

It was found on a roadside cut in a forest during a field survey to document spider diversity in Kuldhia Wildlife Sanctuary.

### ‘Idiops nilagiri’

“This new mygalomorph species has been described based on female specimens and named ‘Idiops nilagiri’ after Nilagiri town, from where the spider was recorded. This is a medium-size spider that measures about 8-13 mm in length. With this discovery, the number of the members of the genus Idiops goes up to 95 species worldwide, of which 12 are from India,” Dr. Das said.

He added that the discovery takes global spider count to 48,277 and Indian spider count to 1,910 species,

of which 263 species are recorded from Odisha.

Among Indian spiders, only 116 species belonging to 33 genera and 8 families are mygalomorph spiders. “Mygalomorphs are relatively large and long-living spiders (can live about 25 years) and represent primitive spiders that include tarantulas, funnel web and trapdoor spiders. Zoologists believe India’s diversity of these primitive spiders remains under-represented,” Dr. Das said.

### Live in burrows

Talking about the new species, Dr. Das said that it comes under family Idiopidae representing front-eyed trapdoors. Females live in tubular burrows with their walls lined by silk and have a cork-shape lid at the entrance used as a door. Males are smaller in size, wandering and occasionally living in burrows, particularly during the breeding season.

The research team has recently described the findings in the *Journal of Asia Pacific Biodiversity*.

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## The worst may be over

The economy is showing positive signs though a turnaround is some distance away

The latest set of economic numbers released this week sends across mixed signals about the health of the economy. Core sector growth, which measures the output of eight major infrastructure sectors of the economy, went into negative territory for the first time in over four years in August as five out of the eight sectors constituting the index shrank in size. Overall growth in these sectors dropped to -0.5% in August, while steel, fertilizer and refinery products saw positive growth. These dismal numbers suggest that the economy is still some distance away from posting a strong revival in growth and it may be too soon to predict a definite turnaround. However, other high-frequency data on the economy suggest that the worst might be over. Vehicle registrations have witnessed a strong comeback in September as discounts ahead of the upcoming festival season have managed to spur sales. Further, although car and tractor companies continue to witness a drop in sales compared to last year, their rate of contraction has begun to slow down. A return to the sales levels witnessed last year, however, will require a stronger rebound in the overall economy.

Other macroeconomic indicators that could potentially tie the hands of the government as it tries to tackle the slowdown have also shown signs of improvement. The government has limited its borrowing in the first half of the year to ₹4.42 lakh crore, which is in line with its initial borrowing plan in order to achieve the fiscal deficit target of 3.3% for the year. The current account deficit at the end of the first quarter of the current financial year has narrowed to 2%, from 2.3% at the end of Q1 last year, thanks to higher service sector exports. The result of the various stimulus plans that have been announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman over the last few weeks and the Reserve Bank of India's spree of rate cuts beginning in February will be seen over the next few months and quarters. It is doubtful, however, whether these reform measures, even if they manage to reverse the slowdown, will be enough to boost growth over the 8% mark anytime soon. The Economist Intelligence Unit, for instance, predicts GDP growth to be just over 5.2% this fiscal. The corporate tax cut last month was an important structural reform that could significantly boost animal spirits in the economy. More such reforms, however, will be needed to permanently lift India's growth trajectory.

## Difficult compromise

In Austria, the conservatives will have to seek common ground with political rivals

Sunday's snap election has ensured the return of Sebastian Kurz of the conservative Austrian People's Party (ÖVP) as Austrian chancellor. The previous government led by Mr. Kurz collapsed in May over a corruption scandal involving his coalition partner, the far-right Freedom Party (FPÖ). But the more important question is whether Vienna's centre-right party is ready to jettison the xenophobic right in its bid to form a new government. The answer would depend on how Mr. Kurz, known to be ideologically flexible, plays his cards in the coming weeks. Foremost, an alliance between Austria's two mainstream parties and the biggest in these elections, ÖVP and the Social Democratic party (SPÖ), is almost ruled out. Neither is any longer animated by the idea of a grand coalition between them, no matter that circumstances warrant such pragmatism among centrist parties. That leaves Mr. Kurz the option to explore a three-way alliance among ÖVP and two smaller parties from Sunday's polls – the Greens and the pro-business liberal NEOS. The Greens may have good reason to use the opening, given the chance it affords them to build on the popular support their counterparts gained from the European elections in May. Any positive movement in this regard cannot, however, be assumed given the fraught nature of such negotiations.

Instructive is the case of the so-called Traffic Light coalition talks in 2017, among German social democrats, liberals and the Greens that dragged on for months before the current government was installed in Berlin. On the other hand, it would be awkward for Mr. Kurz to revisit the alliance with the anti-immigrant FPÖ, especially after the latter lost over a third of its 2017 vote share in Sunday's poll. That tie-up broke down after revelations that the former vice-chancellor and FPÖ leader had tried to hand control of a media house to a Russian oligarch for campaign support. After its poor showing, one view is that it should sit in the opposition. Another view is that under a new leader, the FPÖ is well placed to return to negotiations with the conservatives. Crucial to a reading of this scenario is also Mr. Kurz's past embrace of FPÖ's Islamophobia, prior to the 2017 elections. Given the fragmentation of the polity, coalition talks have been deadlocked for months in many European countries, warranting a second mandate even before the legislature met. Mr. Kurz may have to work with the FPÖ in order to break any impasse. He may well calculate that the far-right would be more pliant inside the government than in the opposition. In this fluid scenario, the best that can be expected of Mr. Kurz is an earnest attempt to find common ground among parties otherwise in competition. That is the recent lesson from Rome, where populists and the centre-left struck a difficult compromise.

# Recovering Gandhi's religious vision

It's time to challenge the idea of religion as a monolith and follow Gandhi who encouraged multiple religious attachments



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Gandhi was suspicious of many things modern, including modern Hinduism: a new, 19th century religion, sharply demarcated from others, and a fitting rival of Islam and Christianity. Why? Because he viewed himself as a *sanatani*, an adherent of a way of life that started long, long ago but, unlike the ancient that is dead and gone, continues to live today.

### Ineradicable diversity

Central to this seemingly everlasting Hindu imagination is its deep plurality, reflected in its acceptance of the co-existence of three basic ethical forms: one dependent on multiple gods and goddesses, one on a single god, and one even entirely independent of god, gods and goddesses (truth-seeking). For Gandhi, this religious-philosophical plurality is the inevitable and healthy destiny of humankind. "There is endless variety in all religions" and "interminable religious differences," he said. "Some go on a pilgrimage and bathe in the sacred river, others go to Mecca; some worship him in temples, others in mosques, some just bow their heads in reverence; some read the Vedas, others the Quran... some call themselves Hindus, others Muslims..." For Gandhi, there is not only diversity of religions but also diversity within them. "While I believe myself to be a Hindu, I know that I do not worship God in the same manner as any one or all

of them."

Given the inescapability of deep religious diversity, he argued, "the need of the moment is not one religion for the whole of human kind, but mutual respect, equal regard and tolerance of the devotees of different religions." This moral-practical attitude of equal regard for all religions is entailed by an epistemic grasp of the deeper, more fundamental unity of all religions. "The soul of religion is one, but encased in a multitude of forms. Wise men will ignore the outward crust and see the same soul living under a variety of crusts."

The basic reference of all religions is the same: God or Truth. "All religions are true and all have some error in them and that whilst I hold by my own, I should hold others as dear as Hinduism and make no distinction between them."

### Inclusive monotheism

Gandhi's *inclusive* (belief in one God that encompasses all gods) rather than *exclusive* (belief in only one True God, while holding all others as false) monotheism flows directly from Indian 'polytheistic' traditions, a trait they share with other religious traditions of the ancient world (Greek, Latin, Pre-Islamic Arab religions). The implicit theology of these religions allows for translation of gods.

In virtually all cultures of classical antiquity, each god performed a function based on his cosmic competence – gods of love, war, knowledge, or craftsmanship. Likewise, each god embodied an entity of potentially cosmic significance – gods of fire, rain, earth, time, sun, moon, sea or there were primal gods who create, destroy, preserve and so on. Virtually, ev-



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ery god or goddess in one culture could be related to gods and goddesses of another culture. For example, the goddess Parvati of one Indian regional culture is related to the goddess Durga of another region by viewing both as benign and fierce forms of one primal goddess, Devi. This way differences – benign/fierce – continue to be viewed as irreducible and yet translatable. This is a theology of recognition in which the gods and goddesses of each culture are recognised within the background of a common semantic universe.

One feature of inclusive monotheism then is that "all worship the same God although under different names". Gandhi illustrates this by a striking verse from the Guru Granth Sahib in which Nanak says that God may be called by the name of Allah, Rahim or Ram. Such an ecumenical perspective permits multiple attachments. If different names refer to the same god, then why not embrace all?

Two more things follow. First, "to revile one another's religion, to make reckless statements, to utter untruth, to break the heads of innocent men, to desecrate temples or mosques is a denial of God." Second, "it is wrong for anyone to say that his God is superior to that of another's. God is one and the same for all. At one level,

there is a fundamental unity among all religions and precisely because of it they must be regarded as equal. If so, movements of conversion or purification are pointless. "The real Shuddhi movement consists in each one trying to arrive at perfection in his or her own faith." In such a plan, a person's character is the only test. "What is the use of crossing from one compartment to another, if it does not mean a moral enhancement?"

### Tolerance and respect

For Gandhi, respect and toleration were related, and virtually indistinguishable. This might appear strange. To 'tolerate', in the classical 17th century meaning of the term, is to refrain from interference in the activities of others even though one finds them morally repugnant and despite having the power to do so. Here one puts up with, even suffers the morally reprehensible activities of others. At best, the powerless other escapes interference of the powerful because the latter shows mercy towards them. This is hate-based toleration – I hate but still tolerate.

Gandhi's 'toleration' is different. How? Parents often put up with the blemishes of their children which they would not suffer in others. We choose to overlook a fault in our spouse, lover, or close friend that we would not excuse in others. We might endure differences with fellow citizens because we value fraternity. In short, we tolerate some disagreeable beliefs and practices of persons or groups because we identify with many of their other beliefs and practices. In all such cases, we put up with dislikeable states of others even if we have some power to do something about them simply be-

cause we have love or love-like feelings for them. Others are tolerated not despite hate but rather because they are loved – I love, so I tolerate. This is Gandhi's love-based toleration, entirely consistent with respect.

Unlike the mainstream, hate-based conception of toleration that presupposes that oneness with significant others is achieved by abolishing the radical other, by eliminating plurality, for this second, Gandhian conception, oneness is attained by accepting all radical others as equally significant because they variously manifest one supreme being. Thus, to tolerate is to refrain from interfering in the life of others not despite our hatred for them, but because we love them as alternative manifestations of our own selves or because we deeply care for some basic norm common to all of us. We may not be able to be what they are, we may even dislike some of their beliefs and practices but we recognise that they are translations of our own selves or of god within each of us. This, Gandhi believed, binds us together in a relationship of lasting affection.

Gandhi's religious vision encouraged multiple attachments, multiple belongings, and multiple religious identities. Is it not time that we challenge the idea of religion as an exclusive monolith, one for which the highest achievable social ideal is an opportunist, morally dubious hate-based toleration and recover the deep pluralism and love-based toleration at the heart of Gandhi's religious vision? Indeed, as religious rivalry, conflict and violence intensify, can we afford not to?

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# What would Gandhi say about the Indian media?

He would be delighted to see the rise of regional and social media and would be appalled by the spread of fake news



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As we celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary, a thought experiment that could yield provocative insights would be to explore what Gandhi would say about different aspects of modern India. Since Gandhi was a journalist before he became a political revolutionary, I will conjecture how he would have responded to the state of the Indian media today.

### Gandhi, the journalist

Gandhi started as a journalist with the *Vegetarian* in England, before launching a weekly newspaper called *Indian Opinion* in South Africa. When he returned to India, he founded publications like *Nava-jivan*, *Young India*, and *Harijan* that became communication platforms for the freedom movement.

Writing about the Satyagraha in South Africa, Gandhi highlighted the critical role of the media. He wrote: "I believe that a struggle which chiefly relies upon internal strength can be carried on without a newspaper, but it is also my experience that we could not perhaps have educated the local Indian community, nor kept Indians all over the world in touch with the

course of events in South Africa in any other way, with the same ease and success as through *Indian Opinion*, which therefore was certainly a most useful and potent weapon in our struggle."

Believing strongly that journalism should be accessible and empowering, Gandhi was an ardent supporter of the regional media. He published *Indian Opinion* in four languages: English, Gujarati, Hindi, and Tamil. He also inspired other journalists to write in regional languages. On this front, he would have been happy to see that the regional media is flourishing in India today.

Gandhi argued that "one of the objects of a newspaper is... to fearlessly expose popular defects". Thus, a vital role of the media is to speak truth to power and ensure accountability and transparency. However, today, he would find a media that has mostly acquiesced in a Prime Minister taking no questions at press conferences and generally eats out of his hand. He would have been appalled, for instance, by how the mainstream media avoided asking hard questions on the economy during the 2019 general election. When the Modi government rejected the Periodic Labour Force Survey that showed record levels of unemployment, it was given a free pass. After the election, when it acknowledged that the data was indeed valid, there was no outrage from the media on such an important issue. So, is the Indian media



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cowed down by epithets such as "presstitute" and "anti-national"? Or is concentrated ownership of Indian media houses by businesses that are afraid of attracting the government's wrath affecting the editorial line?

The Modi government is already denying advertisements to some media houses. While Gandhi had no problems with big business (and garnered substantial support from them), he did decry a dependence on advertising.

The Press Freedom Index, released by Reporters Without Borders in August 2019, ranked India 140 out of 180 countries. The report highlighted how criminal prosecution, especially sedition, is rampantly used to gag journalists. It also noted that "at least six Indian journalists were killed in connection with their work in 2018". The recent death anniversary of Gauri Lankesh is a chilling reminder of the cost of standing up for truth in India. A strong critic of communal politics, who refused to sell ad space in her newspaper to

protect its integrity, and wrote mostly in Kannada, Gauri was a journalist Gandhi would have been proud of.

Gandhi was ready to face sedition charges for his journalism. In 1922, he pleaded guilty in order to expose the undemocratic nature of the sedition law, which he termed a "prince among the political sections... designed to suppress the liberty of the citizen". He would be astounded to see this British-era law being used against journalists and activists today too.

### In the era of fake news

Gandhi emphasised that publication of "false news is a crime against humanity... *Young India* will be stale when truth becomes stale." He would have been shocked that doctored videos became the basis for demonising student leaders of Jawaharlal Nehru University. The infamous "tukde, tukde gang" label was propagated by TV anchors, who spun malicious and fictitious tales to whip up public frenzy.

Further, Gandhi would have been disgusted by prime-time TV debates, which are sensationalist, jingoistic, partisan, exploitative of viewers, and prone to warmongering. Given that journalists can choose what information to share and what aspects to emphasise or downplay, they are in a privileged position to influence thinking, behaviour and attitudes. Gandhi would be saddened by the blatant misuse of this privilege.

One development that would have thrilled Gandhi is the rise of social media platforms. He would see these as empowering technologies that allow citizens to share their ideas and mobilise politically. He would have welcomed how the Internet has allowed independent, non-mainstream journalistic voices to fight on valiantly.

However, the prevalence of fake news on social media would have deeply upset him. Gandhi would find it unbelievable that WhatsApp messages can trigger mobs to lynch people. He would have condemned BJP President Amit Shah when he praised the fake news-spreading capacity of his party members. He would have been relieved that fact-checking sites have emerged to debunk fake news.

Given Gandhi's foray into Noakhali in 1947, he would have tried his best to communicate with our fellow citizens of Jammu and Kashmir and to lift the lid on what is actually happening there.

Gandhi said, "Freedom of the press is a precious privilege that no country can forgo." At another time he stated: "It is my certain conviction that no man loses his freedom except through his own weakness". One can only hope that the media heeds his words and reclaims the strength and independence befitting the fourth pillar of our democracy.

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### On the bottom rung

It is unfortunate but not surprising that U.P. is at the bottom of NITI Aayog's School Education Quality Index ("Kerala tops education ranking," October 1). Successive governments in the State have been fighting to stay in power by using the religion, caste and community card. Not one of them has attempted to improve the State's social indicators. Besides displaying remarkable ineptitude, they have been plagued by scams. The present BJP government is no different. It is busy with Ram Mandir politics and protecting cows while ruining the social fabric of the State and doing nothing about

development. It is not just education, health care too is abysmal in U.P.

J.P. REDDY,  
Nalgonda

### EC's order

During the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha election campaigns, the BJP accused the previous Congress governments of corruption and even called former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi "Corrupt No.1" ("Dangerous precedent", October 1). All this was only to get votes, given that the party clearly doesn't practise what it preaches.

D. SETHURAMAN,  
Chennai

The Election Commission has been repeatedly

criticised by the Opposition parties but that apparently is no skin off the EC's nose. The EC's acts of omission and commission in the recent past are a sad reminder that the days of T.N. Seshan, M.S. Gill and J.M. Lyngdoh are long gone and that constitutional bodies that are deemed autonomous are a pale shadow of their once glorious past.

C.V. ARAVIND,  
Chennai

### Remembering Gandhi

Gandhi may have publicly proclaimed and practised the Hindu faith, but he remained firm in his commitment towards secularism. He had huge respect for other faiths. In

his scheme of things, communalism has no place in any civilised society. As the nation celebrates his 150th birth anniversary today, we should stand united in rooting out hatred and intolerance.

M. JEYARAM,  
Sholavandan

It is ironical that we are celebrating Gandhi even as we are busy destroying everything he believed in and stood for. It is time for us to reflect on why our country has changed so drastically since Independence. Only by ensuring that Gandhi's ideals come true can we truly celebrate him.

B. VEERAKUMARAN,  
Thiruvananthapuram

When I see Dalits, other minorities, climate change activists and young Indians on the streets protesting peacefully, I know that Gandhi is still relevant. Gandhi fought a struggle that we will never understand, a freedom that we take for granted today.

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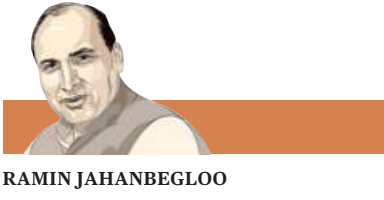
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# Gandhi has not spoken his last word

For those who believe in the value of nonviolence, the Gandhian legacy is still a force



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The 150th birth anniversary of Gandhi provides an opportunity to reflect once again on how nonviolence can contribute to the survival of our planet. Indeed, in these turbulent decades of uncertainty and mediocrity, at a time when we celebrate our rapidly changing world without understanding it, prejudice, hatred, ignorance and strife continue to be our daily cups of tea.

### Deep divisions

Despite impressive advances in science and technology and the growth of material wealth in the industrialised countries, humanity continues to be afflicted with poverty, famine, malnutrition, and lack of education and health care. Differences in race, religion and nationality continue to contribute to many regional, national and international tensions. And many countries and nations that were beacons of democracy are now seeing a rise in populism, religious nationalism and sectarian rivalries.

Undeniably, we live in a time of grave crisis and the need for nonviolent thought and behaviour is felt now more than ever before. But the central question is: how can Gandhi and his nonviolence contribute to a change in our mode of thinking and our style of living, in a world where power, money and celebrities are the new gods? This is what we have been asking on every anniversary of Gandhi's birth since his assassination 71 years ago.

Frankly speaking, Gandhi is a forgotten figure in our world, though he continues, from time to time, to be part of our salon conversations. We do not need to look far to detect the drumbeat of conformity and complacency, accompanied by the rise of populism and nationalism, in our world. We can hear it in our neighbourhoods, workplaces and even educational institutions. So, the question remains: is there a space for Gandhian moral courage and dissenting criticism? On the one side, we notice the naïve and rosy optimism of ashramic followers of Gandhi, and on the other, the cynical demagoguery of party politicians who post their pictures next to that of the Mahatma while denying people their basic rights. Honesty impels us to admit that Gandhism is neither a boutique of political charlatans who, as Socrates says, want to “sleep on undisturbed for the rest of their lives”, nor simply an assemblage



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of fundamentally benevolent human beings who think of saving their conscience by being good Samaritans. On the contrary, what Gandhi teaches us is that nonviolence combines tenderheartedness with tough-mindedness. The true Gandhians who made history, such as Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, Jr., Abdul Ghaffar Khan and Václav Havel, were obstinate and stubborn humanists, who, like Gandhi himself, were severe self-critics, while being ethical benchmarks for others.

But the truth is that our world lacks Gandhian leaders. Populist leaders of today follow the masses uncritically or make the masses follow them simply-mindedly. The trouble with our century is that few politicians think and even fewer invite the people to examine their thinking experience on a daily basis. In today's world, leaders are admired as citizens above citizens, like Bollywood actors, not because they think critically, but because they have the power to choose our destiny.

This sums up neatly with the fact that a politician usually does not think, for the simple reason that he or she wants to remain unquestioned. Unsurprisingly, we can find here a similarity between the masses and their political leaders. But this is quite far from what Gandhi teaches us in the art of politics. If Gandhi remains relevant, it is because he adopted a distinctive method which was to define politics not as the conquest of power, but as the art of organising society nonviolently. This is how he challenged classical ways of theorising and practising politics.

At issue here is not only what Gandhi said and did, but the way he said and did it. This was a conscious attempt to think against the tradition that saw politics as either a pure imitation of the West or a process of mirroring a religious mode of thought. Gandhi looked at politics with eyes unclouded by either nationalist prejudice or religious fa-

naticism. In fact, the political promise of a democratic life, through legislation by the hands of theologians or party elites who considered people immature of deciding, proved unsatisfactory and insufficient for Gandhi.

### Questioning and dissent

Consequently, in order to understand Gandhi's perspective on the art of politics, one has to understand his Socratic approach of questioning and dissent. For Gandhi the quest for truth and justice, which relentlessly questions and examines anew, was an act of thinking and living dangerously. Even his assassination is proof that he was a gadfly who dared to ask embarrassing questions instead of flattering either the other political leaders or the masses. Therefore, the Socratic moment of Gandhi was his perpetual examination of convictions when everybody seemed to have been swept away by the euphoria of the masses.

The fact that Gandhi believed that “there is no religion higher than truth” shows that he remained loyal to critical thinking and considered Hindu nationalism and Muslim fundamentalism as the major threats for Indian democracy and the world. But what Gandhi saw as a danger for the future is now our present. Yet, Gandhi has not spoken his last word. For all those who believe in nonviolence, the Gandhian legacy of doubting, questioning and overcoming remains a force. What we can still learn from Gandhi is that if democracy remains a regime of questions and doubts, it should also be a community of hope that justifies the existence of gadflies, whose task is not to disappear at moments of despair, but to help the masses think and favour liberty amid the calamities that close in upon it.

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# A struggle against social orthodoxy

How Gandhi's visit to Vaikom paved the way for the triumph of the Satyagraha



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In the popular mind, the Vaikom Satyagraha, the struggle for the right of lower castes to walk on the streets surrounding the Mahadeva temple at Vaikom in the princely state of Travancore, is associated with Gandhi. While he was consulted at every stage of the Satyagraha, Gandhi neither led it nor participated in it. He visited Vaikom only once during the 20-month-long struggle from 1924 to 1925. Gandhi's 10-day visit was, however, a turning point, and led it to its ultimate triumph.

### Visit to Vaikom

Gandhi arrived at Vaikom on March 9, 1925 at 6 p.m. rather than at 4 p.m. as planned. The delay was caused by the boats that had gone to welcome him at Ernakulam jetty. Gandhi refused this ostentation, and would not start until it was withdrawn. In fact, throughout the struggle, Gandhi did everything to dampen the spirit of his supporters.

Within an hour of Gandhi stepping on Vaikom's soil events gathered pace. Even as a welcome address was being presented, Gandhi had received a registered mail, on the dais, from the orthodox Brahmins taking exception to his views on untouchability. It was a Monday, Gandhi's day of silence, and therefore he proceeded quietly to the Satyagraha Ashram in Dr. M. Emperumal Naidu's car.

Over the next 10 days Gandhi consulted all parties. There were hectic parleys as he met Sri Narayana Guru, the Maharani Regent, the Diwan, the police commissioner, the satyagrahis, representatives of Ezhavas and Pulayars, and the recalcitrant orthodox Brahmins. His secretary, a much younger Mahadev Desai, could barely keep pace with his master. Rajaji came down with a fever.

Preceding Gandhi's visit, the Vaikom Satyagraha had seen many ups and downs. An initially aggressive Travancore state administration later melted down. After being quiet in the beginning, the orthodox Brahmins had launched a counter agitation. The satyagrahis had had to face physical attacks, armed processions, smearing of lime on their eyes, refusal of temple worship to upper caste supporters of the Satyagraha, and excommunication. While they were disheartened, popular support was at an all-time high. But when Gandhi arrived there was a polit-



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ical stalemate. A motion proposed in the Sree Moolam Popular Assembly in favour of unrestricted use of public roads around the Vaikom temple had just been defeated – by a single vote.

The day after his arrival Gandhi met the orthodox Brahmins. The marathon meeting was held at Idanthuruthil Devan Neelakandan Namboothiri's home. To this day, oral stories circulate about the meeting. According to one apocryphal version, considering that Gandhi had crossed the seas and mingled with Ezhavas, he had to stand at the threshold of the Namboodiri home. While the orthodox were represented by about a dozen Brahmins, Gandhi's son Ramdas, Rajaji and others were present along with some government officials as observers. That temple streets were out of bounds for lower castes was divine punishment for sins committed in past lives, the Brahmins contended. Who are you to inflict such punishment, asked Gandhi. He asserted that untouchability and unapproachability were alien to the Hindu religion.

### Three proposals

In the end Gandhi made three proposals. The first was to hold a referendum among all adults in either Vaikom or in Travancore. The second was mediation: one scholar from each side would put forth arguments and the Diwan would pronounce the verdict. If this proposal was accepted, Gandhi would nominate Madan Mohan Malaviya to represent the satyagrahis. The third was that the orthodox should produce a scriptural text that authorised the practice. Gandhi left it to the orthodox to choose. But somewhat shockingly, he further committed that the satyagrahis would be bound by any decision made, irrespective of its implications, while the orthodox were free to not accept the final decision. This seemingly defied logic. But convinced of the truth and justice of the Satyagraha, Gandhi was evidently exposing the unethical stance of the orthodox. The orthodox accepted the third proposal and produced a text called *Sankara Smriti* in their defence. Gandhi doubted the

authenticity of the text but promised to get back after consulting experts in the matter. Vallathol Narayana Menon confirmed that it was not reliable.

Gandhi next met the Maharani Regent at her Varkala camp on March 12. Even as she expressed her position in favour of opening all public roads, as head of state, the Maharani Regent said she had to heed public opinion. Gandhi was impressed by this stance.

That same evening Gandhi met Sri Narayana Guru, the unrivalled leader of the Ezhavas, at Sivagiri. Gandhi won the guru's endorsement for the Satyagraha, for the guru had just a little earlier refuted an interview given to K.M. Kesavan wherein he had stated his disagreement over abjuring violence. Evidently, Gandhi acquired clarity on the use of violence and non-violence from his discussion with the guru. Apart from a few such as Periyar, Rajaji and V.V.S. Aiyar, no outsiders or journalists were present at this meeting.

From Sivagiri, Gandhi went to Thiruvananthapuram where he met the minor Maharaja Chithira Thirunal, the Queen Mother, and the Diwan. In between meetings Gandhi consulted Periyar, the leader of the Satyagraha then, who had joined him at Varkala. Gandhi also met the commissioner of police, the Devaswom commissioner, the district magistrate and peshkar, apart from journalists and religious leaders. He also visited Trissur, Palghat, Kollam, Alwaye, Nagercoil, and Kanniayakumari where he addressed many meetings.

Gandhi's visit led the Vaikom Satyagraha to its inevitable conclusion. Within the framework of Hinduism, he explained to the orthodox Brahmins the fairness of the Satyagraha. Even if he did not succeed in changing their hearts it became clear to them that they were on the wrong side of history. Gandhi brought to their attention that public opinion was not with them. Sri Narayana Guru's endorsement of the Satyagraha following his meeting with Gandhi gave a fillip to Ezhava morale. The meeting with the Maharani Regent made clear her sympathies with the movement. The interaction with officials blunted the state suppression of the Satyagraha. As an outcome of Gandhi's visit, the Satyagraha, rather than being directed against the state, sharpened into a struggle against social orthodoxy. Though it was formally withdrawn only eight months later, Gandhi's visit had achieved a resolution that was long lasting without exacerbating social tensions.

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## Gandhi and the Gita

Mahatma Gandhi put into practice teachings from the Gita in his own moral and political actions

FAISAL DEVJI

Gandhi often thought about the nature of moral and political action through his reading of the Bhagavad-Gita. For him Krishna's advice to Arjuna emphasised the superiority of duty over choice in defining such action. Arjuna's horror at killing his friends, relations and preceptors in the army of his enemies, and his desire to flee the battlefield, were rejected by Krishna as futile. Krishna tells Arjuna that such a choice is superfluous, for whether he stays or goes the war will be fought.

Gandhi argued that its futility apart, choice is also elitist because it is based on a knowledge that is unequally distributed among individuals, favouring the educated and privileged over others. Rather than choice, he based moral and political action on duty (dharma), not as something generic but specific to each person given their circumstances (swadharma). One has to discover and do one's duty rather than choose on the basis of a result which can never be fully known.

Doing one's duty therefore meant focussing not on the ends so much as the means of moral and political action (nishkama karma). And this meant inhabiting the present in such a way as to make the future more open to goodness, something Gandhi described as attending upon the incarnation of Vishnu. The present, he thought, was the true site of nonviolence and should not be sacrificed for an unpredictable future.

### Rights and duties

Aside from choice, Gandhi also contrasted duty with rights, which are at the heart of liberal societies. He claimed that since rights can always be taken away, they are not inalienable and cannot define moral and political action. Duties, however, truly belong to individuals and can never be taken away. And while the primary right is that to life, the most important duty is the sacrifice of life in killing or dying.

And yet Gandhi thought that this attention to death was more likely to protect life than rights could, for it was invariably the desire to guard and strengthen one's own life that produced violence in the effort to reduce and eliminate the lives of others. Non-violence was therefore linked to the duty of sacrifice and even death, since it was defined not by life but truth (satya) as the ultimate value.

### Evil depends upon goodness

In Gandhi's view, the Gita teaches us that even evil depends upon goodness. After all, the evil army of Duryodhana could only hold together by virtues such as friendship, loyalty and courage as well as sacrifice among its soldiers. This was why it contained good people like Bhishma, Karna and Drona. By withdrawing goodness from evil, then, the latter would collapse of its own accord, which was what the Non-Coopera-



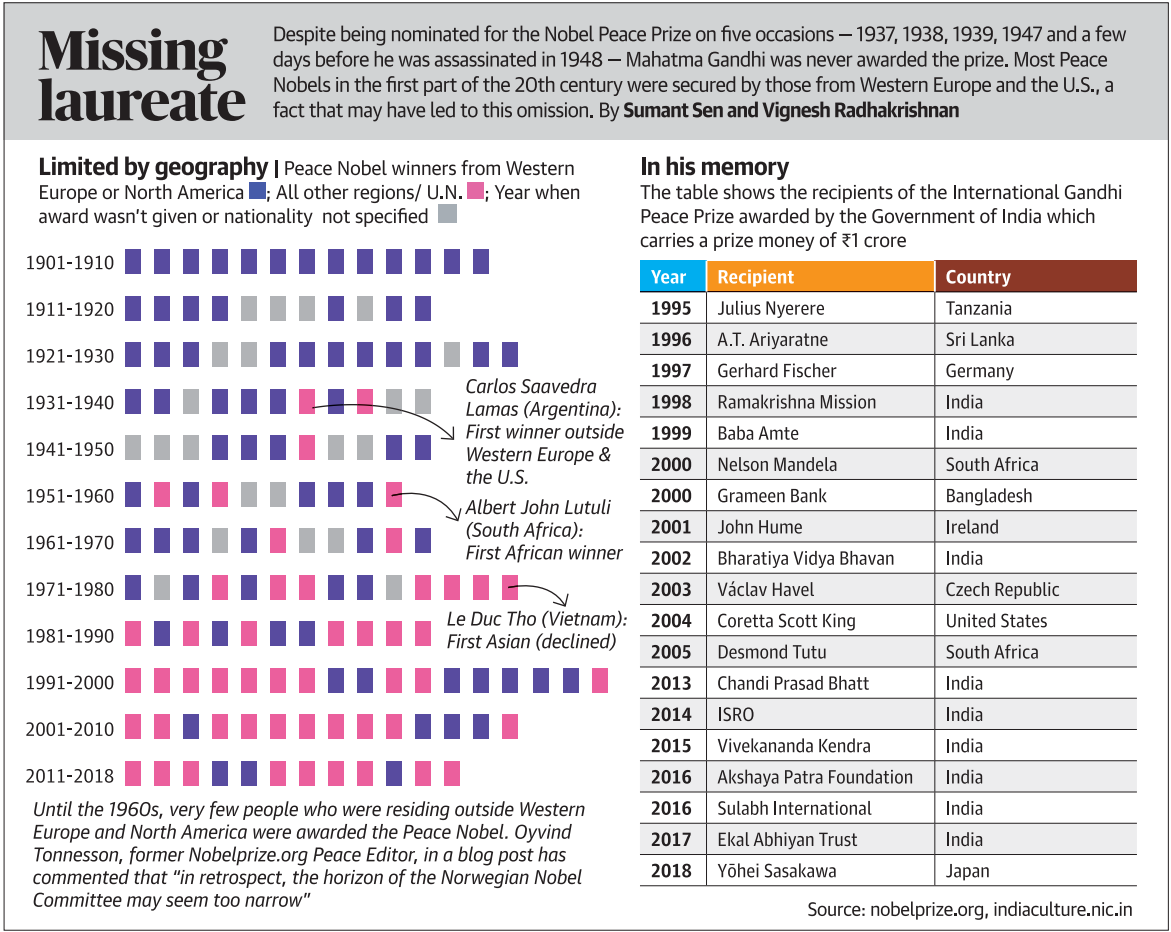
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tion Movement was meant to do. Goodness can be withdrawn from evil by the nonviolent warrior laying claim to virtues such as friendship, loyalty, courage and sacrifice in a more powerful way than his or her violent enemies can. By representing these virtues that no society can do without, the votaries of nonviolence were able to convert even their enemies. It was these teachings from the Gita that Gandhi put into practice in his own moral and political actions.

Faisal Devji teaches history at Oxford University



### DATA POINT



## The Hindu

### FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 2, 1969

### Ghaffar Khan gets big welcome

A most affectionate welcome was given to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan by thousands of people at the airport when he arrived this morning [October 1, New Delhi] at 8-45 on his first visit to independent India. Cries of “Frontier Gandhi Zindabad” rent the air as he alighted from the plane. The Frontier Gandhi had reached Bombay from Kabul via Beirut by Air India at 5 a.m. and he was flown to Delhi by a special I.A.F. plane. Wearing a grey “salwar” (baggy pyjamas) and a “kurta” (flowing shirt) of coarse homespun cloth and over it a cotton shawl, Ghaffar Khan acknowledged the greetings, thronged by Central Cabinet Ministers, members of Parliament and thousands of others. The Frontier Gandhi embraced many of his old friends and he was lustily cheered by the crowds which included a number of persons wearing red shirts. After a formal exchange of greetings, Ghaffar Khan was led to a specially erected platform from where he addressed briefly a gathering of more than 5,000.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 2, 1919.

### Armenia.

(From an Editorial)

The cry of the oppressed in Armenia has often and for long years risen to high Heaven, but apparently the tribulations of the people of that land are to continue; for even at this time Armenians are in sore trouble. Armenia is situated at the North-East of Asia Minor and, before the war dislocated all territorial boundaries, consisted of three sections: Erzeroum and Diarbekir on the West belong to Turkey. The North, including the districts of Kars, Erevain and Tiflis belong to Russia and on the South East the province of Aserbajjan belonged to Persia. The Armenians are Caucasians and speak a branch of the Aryan language. They are an enterprising race and are successful in commerce, agriculture and pastoral occupations. They are comparatively few in number as, in Armenia the Armenians do not exceed one million. In Asia Minor outside of Armenia, there were about 1,50,000, some 4,20,000 in European Turkey and about 40,000 in Persia. The history of the Armenians can be traced back to the seventh century B.C.

IN BRIEF



Shivakumar's judicial custody extended

NEW DELHI  
A special court on Tuesday extended the judicial custody of Congress leader D.K. Shivakumar till October 15 and allowed the Enforcement Directorate to question him in jail. Mr. Shivakumar was produced before the court after completion of his judicial custody. The court permitted his questioning on October 4 and 5.

A.P. boat tragedy: 5 more bodies found by villagers

DEVIPATNAM  
Villagers have found five highly decomposed bodies, presumed to be victims of the Kachuluru boat tragedy, downstream the Godavari at different places in East and West Godavari districts in the last few days, East Godavari Superintendent of Police Adnan Nayeem Asmi said.

Telangana man, who preferred son, drowns month-old baby girl

Villagers tracked down the father and thrashed him

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT BHADRADRI-KOTHAGUDEM

In a gruesome incident exposing deep-rooted gender discrimination and preference for sons, a 25-year-old youth allegedly killed his one-month-old daughter, his second girl child, by throwing her into a water sump in Regunta village of Charla mandal in the early hours of Tuesday.

According to sources, the accused, identified as Suryateja, an auto-rickshaw driver of Kathigudem, allegedly committed the murder due to his "obsessive preference

BJP quashes dissent over mayoral polls

High command forces CM to accept choice for Bengaluru Mayor

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT BENGALURU

The BJP high command had the final say in the Bengaluru mayoral polls that had turned into a battle of one-upmanship between Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and the party. In a decisive move aimed at sending out a message that the organisation is supreme, the high command forced its choice on the Chief Minister and other city leaders on Tuesday.

RSS man and two-time councillor from Jogupalya M. Goutham Kumar was elected Bengaluru's 53rd Mayor while Bommanahalli councillor C.R. Ramamohan Raju became his deputy.

The election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on Tuesday was not devoid of dra-



Decisive move: Goutham Kumar is the Mayor and Rammohan Raju is the Deputy Mayor of Bengaluru. ■ V SREENIVASA MURTHY

ma. The candidates for the top posts were not announced by the BJP until the last minute, due to hectic lobbying by hopeful councillors and city MLAs.

Eye on municipal polls

Highly placed sources in the BJP said the party stood firm behind the candidature of Mr. Kumar. It is learnt that the party wanted to ensure that a candidate it endorsed occupied the post, given that the municipal polls are just a year away. That apart, the party was also keen on



changing the power equation in the capital.

The election of Mr. Kumar is now seen as a setback to both Mr. Yediyurappa, who incidentally also holds the Bengaluru Development portfolio, and BJP leader R. Ashok, who is perceived as the face of the party in the city, sources said.

The sources also said the BJP high command was keen on improving the party's image in the city, which has 28 Assembly constituencies – a maximum for any district in the State.

BJP won't depend on a single leader: Eshwarappa

'Be ready to face election any time'

STAFF REPORTER SHIVAMOGGA

Close on the heels of Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa reportedly being rapped by the BJP high command over his style of functioning, senior leader and Minister K.S. Eshwarappa on Tuesday said "the next Assembly election would be fought on the basis of organisational strength and the party would not depend on a single leader, caste or money for electoral success."

Mr. Eshwarappa's remarks, which are being interpreted in political circles as an indication that the party is looking beyond Mr. Yediyurappa for its poll fortunes, have come after the latter's statement that he was walking a tightrope. It



K.S. Eshwarappa

was seen as lamenting over his precarious position within the party.

Mr. Eshwarappa also appealed to the BJP workers to be prepared to face elections any time.

"The next Assembly election will be fought by the BJP by highlighting the performance of the State government," he said.



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi meeting Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan at Kerala House in New Delhi. ■ PTI

Rahul meets Kerala CM, discusses Bandipur ban

'Issue causes a lot of pain to Wayanad'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi met Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in New Delhi on Tuesday to apprise him of the problems faced by the people of Wayanad due to the night traffic ban on the national highway passing through the Bandipur Tiger Reserve in Karnataka.

Mr. Gandhi, who represents Kerala's Wayanad Lok Sabha seat, held a 20-minute discussion with Mr. Vijayan at Kerala House and later briefed reporters.

He said he had taken up the issue of night travel ban and youngsters protesting against it.

He also said the issue was causing lot of pain to Wayanad and Kerala.

Pinarayi meets Gadkari, Javadekar

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT KALPETTA

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan held discussions on Tuesday with Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari and Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar in Delhi on the need to lift the night traffic ban in the forest stretch of Kozhikode-Kollegal National Highway-766 passing through the Bandipur Tiger Reserve in Karnataka.

the-clock connectivity through the forest stretch of National Highway (NH) 766.

The movement of traffic between the Kerala-Karnataka border through the tiger reserve is banned from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. to avoid any disturbance to wildlife.

Mr. Vijayan, however, had suggested that an elevated stretch through the core critical tiger habitat should be built instead of a complete ban.

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What does it take to lead centennials?

They may be closely related to millennial-employees, but are a breed apart in many ways

PRINCE FREDERICK

Do you know why the future often creeps up on us? And why we may actually be unprepared for it despite having our eyes peeled for it? Because, we may rely unduly on the certainties of the past to predict the future.

While trying to understand centennials – or post-millennials, as they are called – we may be unwittingly committing that error.

"Sometimes, the latest generation is the key to understanding the next generation. That is the closest you can get. However, typecasting centennials along with millennials can throw us more challenges than we ask for," says Kamal Karanth, co-founder, Xpheno, a specialist staffing organisation.

There are striking similarities between the two generations, but they aren't the same, and it is necessary to know the difference to be able to keep centennial-employees engaged.

So, where do we begin?

The future is best understood where it is unfolding. The discovery is made in a blurred region marked by shades of the immediate present and the approaching future. The centennial generation is generally understood to have its starting point in the mid-1990s, and the jury is still out on what is outer limit. So, observing employees born from the mid-to late-nineties may offer some insights into what can be expected of this generation.

Demographic dividend

"We don't have too many data points yet to draw up a picture of the quintessential post-millennial employee," says Karanth. There is however a hazy picture, and leaders should start looking at it to understand what it takes to lead, with a host of centennials under their watch.

"India is currently going through a demographic dividend, and those aged 25 and less are a sizeable section of the population, and so the corporate world has to invest in understanding what make the centennial-employee tick," says Naresh Purushotham, chief mentor and co-founder, Crestcom India.

Flat structures

"Centennials would really want to work in flat structures. Millennials respected hierarchy. Centennials may not share their respect for hierarchy," says Karanth.

"Centennial-employees were born into a highly liberalised economy, and therefore don't carry the baggage of hierarchy," says Naresh.

The hold of hierarchy on this generation is bound to weaken. When the centennial generation would have dug its feet in, the gig economy would have become well-entrenched. There would be fewer rigid structures. There would be as many workers – if not more – working on project-based contracts as would be those on the pay-roll. Even among regular employees, the tenures will be shorter.

"A manager would do well to function as if every employee of theirs is going to leave, and figure out what they would do in such that

scenario. With centennials, such picturing is a necessity. When a manager functions on the basis of this idea, the dynamics of employee engagement changes. It becomes an everyday matter. Work is recognised as and when it happens. Centennials will look for instant gratification – it makes sense, as they may not have plans to hang around for titles. So, the employee engagement is not the result of a promised incentive, promotion or an overseas assignment in the future, but everyday recognition" says Karanth.

Question of learning

On the question of learning-and-development programmes at the workplace, , says that centennials are more visual than millennials, and they expectations from L&D programmes are different.

"For many of them, their first view of the Internet was through their mobile phones. You can't put them in a classroom. You have to give them a choice of how they want to learn and who they want to learn from. And they want to learn things that will benefit them today," says Naresh. Centennials will be more independent-minded than millennials, because of the nature of the economy they will be working in.

"You can expect them to take more sabbaticals from work to pursue other interests," says Sharon S. Rajkumar, general manager and happiness evangelist at Happiest Minds Technologies.

"Their career is happening in the middle of their perso-

nal life, and not the other way round. You have to give them a gig, and not a career," says Karanth.

Greater flexibility

Flexibility is the name of the game. It may sometimes mean that line-managers, especially Gen Xers and those going further back in time, unlearn cherished and even justified notions of working.

Customised solutions

"Work-from-home and flexible-work policies will get more employee-friendly. Besides, such policies will have regional tweaks, as the future workforces will be more distributed than ever before. So, wherever possible, work hours will have to be framed based on traffic and local factors in a given place," says Sharon.

Karanth explains, "Sometime ago, a prospective centennial candidate came to us, and the first question was if there would be a five-day work week. Ten years ago, I would not have recruited someone who put that question to me. In these times, that is an expected question."

A new space

However, along the line, there may be certain hard pills to swallow.

"One of the things with centennials is that they are comfortable with the idea of making mistakes while being experimental - a manager has to give them that space," says Karanth. Line managers have to be bear in mind that it is a do-it-yourself generation that has figured out most things via online tutorials.

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# The Modi factor in U.S. politics

If PM's diaspora politics tries to tilt the scale in favour of Trump, it will have repercussions.

**VARGHESE K. GEORGE**  
NEW DELHI  
Did Prime Minister Narendra Modi endorse U.S. President Donald Trump's 2020 re-election bid in his Houston speech on September 22? Did he wade into the domestic politics of the U.S.? These questions have resurfaced after External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar rebuffed suggestions that he did both, during an interaction with Indian journalists in Washington DC.

Answer to the first question is 'No' and the Minister is right on that. Answer to the second is "Yes", and the Minister is wrong on that. Here is why.  
"My recollection of what the Prime Minister said was that candidate Trump had used this (*Ab ki baar Trump*



**Endorse or not?** Narendra Modi's *Ab ki baar Trump sarkar* slogan in Houston has generated a controversy. • AFP

*sarkar*). So the PM is talking about the past," said Mr. Jaishankar, denying the allegation that the PM was campaigning for Mr. Trump.  
What did Mr. Modi say? "The words of candidate Trump, *Ab ki baar Trump sarkar*, rang loud and clear. And his celebration of Dee-

pavali in the House – White House – lit up millions of faces with joy and appreciation," he had said.  
*Ab ki baar Modi sarkar* was Mr. Modi's 2014 campaign slogan that a Hindutva

group in the U.S. had repurposed for Mr. Trump, who made a short campaign ad with himself uttering the Hindi slogan. So, in an oblique way, Mr. Modi was claiming some credit for Mr. Trump's victory in 2016 and not endorsing his 2020 candidacy.  
Mr. Jaishankar is right in saying that media reporting, and the response of the Opposition, largely misinterpreted Mr. Modi's comment.  
Whether or not Mr. Modi's speech and the rally amounted to involvement in U.S. politics is a question that requires some explanation, but the answer can only be in the affirmative.  
"We have a very nonpartisan (approach to domestic U.S. politics). So, our sort of approach to whatever hap-

pens in this country is their politics, not our politics," Mr. Jaishankar said. But that is not how Houston continues to play out. Mr. Modi's expansive diaspora politics draws from Hindutva that sees Hindus as a trans-border civilisational community with Bharat as its "natural home". Diaspora mobilisation in a manner not intimidating to others in a multiethnic foreign country is one thing; loud and boisterous desi rallies that brazenly seek to bend American politicians in a particular way is another. The first is soft power; the second is a menace.  
This amounts to Mr. Modi's diaspora politics trying to tilt the scale in favour of Mr. Trump and against the Democrats. And this will have repercussions.

# U.S. Commerce Secy. may raise key trade issues

Wilbur Ross, who arrives today, will hold talks with Nirmala Sitharaman and Piyush Goyal

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI  
Close on the heels of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's U.S. visit, and the ongoing trade talks between the two countries, U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross arrives in Delhi on Wednesday. Although Mr. Ross is not a part of the trade talks, which are being conducted by the Indian commerce ministry and the US Trade Representatives office, he is expected



Wilbur Ross

Mr. Ross will hold meetings with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal during the week.  
Mr. Goyal has just returned from the U.S. where, despite several conversations with the USTR Robert Lighthizer, the two sides were not able to forge a breakthrough in talks. An expected announcement after talks between U.S. President Donald Trump and Mr. Modi

of some agreements, including rollback of tariffs, import duties on Information and Communication Technology (ICT), removal of price caps on medical equipment like knee implants, etc. was put off. Since then, officials say while the trade talks continued, no announcement could be made during PM Modi's visit, or Mr. Goyal's visit last week.  
At a session titled "Trading against the Tide" at the

World Economic Forum's India summit on Thursday, Mr. Ross is expected to speak about the broader issues over the U.S.'s decision to revoke India's GSP special export status, as well as the impact of the US-China trade war on regional markets.  
Known for his plain-speaking, Mr. Ross has been particularly critical of what he calls "India's discriminatory practices" and "significant market access barriers."

# Law schools launch NRC legal aid clinic

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
GUWAHATI  
Law schools across India launched a collaborative legal aid clinic on Tuesday for people excluded from the updated National Register Citizens (NRC) in Assam.  
The clinic, named Parichay (Identity) and with headquarters in Guwahati, is envisaged to function as a "clearing house of litigation and research assistance for lawyers filing appeals against exclusion from the NRC".  
The institutes include Assam's National Law University and Judicial Academy (NLUJA), the Kolkata-based West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Hyderabad's National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR), Delhi's National Law University and National Law University of Odisha.  
Other law schools are in the process of formalising their collaboration with Parichay, a statement said.  
"Parichay will assist lawyers in drafting appeals, conduct research on pertinent questions of the law, assist in training lawyers and paralegals, and generate documentation on the functioning of Foreigners' Tribunals," it said.

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**Discussion with interested parties for operationalization of a Khondalite Mine**

The Odisha Mining Corporation Limited (OMC) intends to call a **meeting at 3:00 pm on 10.10.2019 in the Conference Hall, OMC House, Bhubaneswar** with interested parties for discussions on operationalization of a **Khondalite Mine**. Mine Operator selected through competitive bidding process would be required to mine, process and transport the Khondalite blocks from the mine to designated delivery location at Puri. Tentative target of finished product will be **20,000 cum per annum for 4 years**.

In this meeting, we will discuss the approach to be taken for mining of Khondalite and understand the perspective of interested parties who have experience of operating, mining or handling decorative/ dimensional stones.

OMC reserves the right to cancel/ postpone the meeting without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

Nodal officer for this bidding process: Mr. G. D. Nayak, Deputy General Manager (Mining), OMC

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# No major Muslim nation with Pak.: BJP

"They consider it an internal matter"

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Tuesday said that no major Muslim country came out in support of Pakistan after the Modi government ended the special status accorded to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370.

At a press conference at the BJP headquarters here, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan cited his recent visit to three Islamic countries, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Qatar, to affirm that these nations appreciated India's stand.

He was answering questions on Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to the U.S. The press conference was called to speak about the BJP's month-long exercise to seek people's support on the decision to dilute Article 370.

"No major Muslim country, including many of Pakistan's old associates, is with the country [Pakistan]. They consider it not a religious issue but an internal matter of India," Mr. Pradhan said adding that it was a "pleasant surprise" for him to get this firsthand experience during his visit.

Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said



Dharmendra Pradhan

the BJP's campaign had received all-round support across the country as the party ended up holding over 600 public events instead of 370 planned earlier. The party held rallies in 34 major cities.

"I can say that this exercise has led to a rise in nationalistic feeling and a new sense of national unity has taken shape," Mr. Shekhawat said. The party held seven programmes in Jammu and Kashmir. One of them was organised in the Valley.

Mr. Pradhan said BJP members, including its top leaders, down to functionaries at the local level, met over five lakh "opinion makers" across the country.

The month-long exercise ended on Monday with top party leaders, including Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh and J.P. Nadda, addressing multiple rallies.

# Jaishankar covering up for PM: Rahul

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar was "covering up" for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "incompetence" in handling diplomacy by openly endorsing U.S. President Donald Trump's presidential campaign with the "*Ab ki baar Trump sarkar*" slogan at the "Howdy, Modi!" event in Houston.

Mr. Gandhi said the Prime Minister's comment had caused serious problems with regard to India's relations with the Democrats, and asked Mr. Jaishankar to teach some "diplomacy" to Mr. Modi.  
"Thank you, Mr. Jaishankar for covering up for the PM's incompetence. His fawning endorsement caused serious problems with the Democrats for India. I hope it gets ironed out with your intervention. While you're at it, do teach him a little bit about diplomacy," Mr. Gandhi said on Twitter.

The former Congress chief tagged a news report that quoted Mr. Jaishankar as saying that the Prime Minister's remarks in Houston should not be misinterpreted.

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1.	Construction of RCC boundary wall at Ranney Well No.2, Wazirabad road near Nanaksh Guruudwara in NE-II (Re-invited) Tender ID No.2019_DJB_180934_3	71,53,163.00 Rates based on DSR-2016	1,43,500.00	1000.00	25.09.2019	18.10.2019 upto 02:30 P.M.

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**2) Name of work :** "Survey,Investigation,Design,Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Lift Works for Construction of Civil and Electro-Mechanical Works Consisting of the Following Components: Construction of Intake Canal, Jack Well Cum Pump House, Delivery Chamber, Vertical Turbine Pumps/ Submersible Pumps Coupled To HT Motor Electrical Panels, Soft Starter, Capacitor,220/110/33/6.6/0.433 kv Electrical Sub-Station, and Power Line, Terminal Bays M.S. Rising Mains, Including MS/DI/HDPE Pressure/ Gravity Distribution Network for Filling up of 5 tanks under Kushtagi-Yalaburga-Koppal Main, 2 tanks under Tavarageri branch, 12 tanks under Kanakagiri branch with Installation of Surge Protection System and SCADA Arrangements Including Supply of Spares Parts and Tools Including Requisite Man Power For O & M of The System Covered Under The Scope For Five Years From The Date Of Completion Under Koppal Lift Irrigation Scheme on Turnkey Basis". **Approximate amount put to tender (Rs.In Crores) : 772.00**

**3) Name of work :** "Survey, Investigation, Design, Supply, Erection, Testing And Commissioning of Lift Works For Construction of Civil and Electro-Mechanical Works Consisting of The Following Components: Construction of Intake Canal, Jack Well Cum Pump House, Delivery Chamber, Vertical Turbine Pumps/ Submersible Pumps Coupled To HT Motor Electrical Panels, Soft Starter, Capacitor, 110/33/6.6 kv Electrical Sub-Station, and Power Line, Terminal Bays M.S. Rising Mains For Yelaburga Branch & Feeder Main, Koppal Main Including MS/DI/HDPE Pressure/ Gravity Distribution Network For Filling up of Tanks 5 Nos of MI/ZP Tanks Under Yelaburga Branch & 7 Tank under Yelaburga Feeder, 10 Nos of MI/ZP Tanks Under Koppal Main Branch, with Installation of Surge Protection System and SCADA Arrangements Including Supply of Spares Parts and Tools Including Requisite Man Power For O & M of The System Covered Under The Scope For Five Years From The Date of Completion Under Koppal Lift Irrigation Scheme on Turnkey Basis".**Approximate amount put to tender (Rs.In Crores) : 282.00**

Bid documents, details of the notification, schedule of calander of events, terms and conditions can be downloaded from e-procurement portal viz., <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>, from 14.10.2019 & other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

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# No force can shake the Chinese nation: Xi

China marks 70th anniversary of Communist rule with a huge military parade in Beijing

**ATUL ANEJA**  
BEIJING

Ahead of inspecting a grand military parade on Tuesday to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the People's Republic of China (PRC), Chinese President Xi Jinping reaffirmed that China would achieve its peaceful rise, steered by the Communist Party, the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and unity of its people, based on the 'One-China' principle.

In a short, but powerful eight minute-speech delivered at Tiananmen Square, reinforcing the PRC's red roots, the Chinese President was unambiguous in declaring that China was now prepared to "struggle" to achieve its two centenary goals – ridding China of poverty by 2021 and emergence as an advanced socialist nation by 2049.

"No force can shake the status of our great country, no force can stop the Chinese people and the Chinese nation from marching forward," Mr Xi said.

During his back-to-the-roots address, delivered in the teeth of a trade war with the U.S. and a serious unrest in Hong Kong, the President stood out for being the only one on the inspection ros-



Long march: Soldiers marching in formation at Tiananmen Square in Beijing. • GETTY IMAGES

trum to appear in a distinct Mao suit.

In the presence of three former leaders – Jiang Zemin, Hu Jintao and Wen Jiabao – Mr. Xi, in his address, referred only to Mao Zedong, the founding father of the PRC, leaving aside any allusion to Deng Xiaoping, the architect of China's reforms that began in 1978.

### Military parade

"Xi only mentioned Mao's founding of the People's Republic and skipped the history between, before mentioning the present time," observed Deng Yuwen, a former deputy editor of the

*Study Times*, a Communist Party newspaper, as quoted by the *South China Morning Post*.

Before the 80 minute-long military parade began, where 40% of the weapons were showcased for the first time, Mr. Xi was emphatic in expressing zero-tolerance to any challenge to the "One-China" principle, which has been periodically questioned by bouts of separatism in Xinjiang and Tibet, apart from pro-independence politics in Taiwan, and maritime disputes in the South China Sea (SCS).

The U.S. naval presence and patrols in the SCS have

highlighted the China-U.S. friction in the West Pacific.

"Forging ahead, we must remain committed to the strategy of peaceful reunification, and one country, two systems. We will maintain long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong and Macao, advance peaceful development of cross-strait relations, unite the whole country and continue to strive for the complete unification of our country," Mr Xi said.

The Chinese President asserted that the PLA's role "to resolutely safeguard the sovereignty, security and development interest of the na-

tion and resolutely protect world peace;" had been clearly defined.

Asserting that China was a responsible global power, President Xi stressed that China's goal was to foster a "community of shared future for mankind."

But the demonstration of China's military might was apparently aimed at deterring the U.S. and its allies.

### State-of-the-art weapons

During Tuesday's parade, China appeared to highlight that the digital gap between Beijing and Washington was narrowing, by displaying indigenously developed "intelligent" weapon systems, leveraging the advances in quantum computing, Artificial Intelligence and big data.

For the first time, Beijing displayed the HSU 001 system, which had the appearance of an underwater drone.

In a clear message to the United States and Taiwan, the PLA rolled out the road-mobile DF-41 intercontinental ballistic missile, capable of targeting any part of the globe with its multiple warheads.

Besides, the Chinese unveiled their highly potent DF-17 ballistic missile.

# Three challenges before Xi

Economy slows while political, geopolitical tensions rise

STANLEY JOHNY

While presiding over a grandiose military parade at the Tiananmen Square in Beijing on Tuesday marking the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Communist revolution, Chinese President Xi Jinping said there's no force "able to shake our great motherland's status". The parade, and Mr. Xi's speech underscored the Communist Party's grip on the country and the leader's status.

The country has made great economic progress under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), especially in the last 40 years after Deng Xiaoping opened up the economy. China is now the world's second largest economy in dollar terms. If the size of the Chinese economy was \$30.55 billion in 1952, it stood at \$13.6 trillion in 2018. GDP per capita jumped from \$54 in 1952 to \$10,200 last year. China has almost eradicated urban poverty. According to the World Bank, some 850 million people were lifted from poverty since the economic reforms. Today's China is an industrial powerhouse and a leader in advanced technologies, a far cry from the poor, broken and primarily agrarian economy which the communists took over in 1949.

While Mr. Xi and his party are celebrating these achievements, his regime also faces transformational challenges today.

**Economic slowdown**  
With globalisation and free trade in crisis and the era of cheap labour in China over, the country's exports-dependent economy has slowed down. In the second quarter of 2019, Chinese



Xi Jinping

economy grew 6.2%, slowest in more than 27 years. After the 2008 economic crisis, Chinese planners have shifted their focus from exports to domestic consumption. Though the share of exports in GDP has come down since its peak in 2008 (36.04%), China is still very much dependent on global economy (the share remained almost 20% in 2016).

### ANALYSIS

The trade war with the U.S. has hurt China badly with its industrial growth rate falling to a 17-year low of 4.8% in July. The numbers suggest that China is experiencing one of the worst economic slowdowns since it was opened up.

### Geopolitical tensions

Deng Xiaoping once famously said, "hide your strength and bide your time", which more or less defined China's foreign policy doctrine for decades. While its focus was on the country's economic development, China was also "peacefully" rising as a regional power in Asia. With China's big power status, however, it can no longer hide. Take the case of the U.S., for example. U.S.-China ties have been normalised after President Richard Nixon's historic 1972 visit to China.

When China liberalised its economy, economic and trade ties with the U.S. deepened. But now, the U.S. and China are involved in a bitter tariff war which is hurting each other as well as the global economy. Tensions have also raised in the South China Sea region. President Donald Trump's policy seeks to take on China, if not contain its rise. The cooperative competition between the two countries has entered into a phase of confrontational competition.

### Political crises

On Tuesday, a few hours after President Xi gave his emphatic speech in Beijing, a protester was shot in the chest in Hong Kong by the police. Hong Kong has been in turmoil for month. What began as a protest against an extradition Bill has morphed into a violent movement for political reforms and "liberation". The Hong Kong protests are perhaps the greatest challenge Mr. Xi has faced since he became President. In Xinjiang, Beijing was accused of detaining one million Uighurs in "re-education camps". China says these were de-radicalisation camps, but the detention has sparked a global outcry, with Mike Pompeo, the U.S. Secretary of State, calling the camps "the stain of the century". Choosing the next Dalai Lama could be another major political challenge. China has insisted that the next Lama should come from Tibet so that Beijing can have some leverage on the "reincarnation". The Communist Party would not like these political issues to snowball into a "counter-revolution". But how Mr. Xi is going to address them may also have lasting impact on the party's hold on China.

# Police shoot Hong Kong protester at close range

Officer discharged his firearm after coming under attack, a source said

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
HONG KONG

A Hong Kong police officer shot a protester in the chest with a live round on Tuesday after his unit was attacked by demonstrators during sustained clashes in the city, a

police source said. "An officer discharged his firearm after coming under attack and a protester was struck in the chest in Tsuen Wan district today," the source said, requesting anonymity.

The wounded protester

received initial first aid from officers before paramedics arrived, the source said, adding the victim was then taken to Princess Margaret Hospital.

A hospital spokeswoman said that 15 people had been admitted to hospitals following Tuesday's clashes, one of whom was in a critical condition. A video posted online

showed the shooting and its aftermath. Riot police can be seen clashing with around 12 masked protesters, some of whom were using umbrellas and metal poles to strike the officers. One officer runs into frame with his sidearm drawn. He kicks a protester before firing at near point black range into the chest of a demonstrator with a metal

pole in his hand.

A gunshot can be heard. The protester stumbles backwards and then falls over a police officer who has been knocked to the ground as the rest of the demonstrators run away.

The shooting marked a dramatic escalation in violence that spread chaos to multiple areas of the city.

## ELSEWHERE



### Nepal Speaker resigns over rape allegation

KATHMANDU  
Krishna Bahadur Mahara, the Speaker of Nepal's Parliament, resigned on Tuesday over allegation of raping a woman staffer in the Parliament secretariat. Mr. Mahara, who has denied the charge, said he resigned to allow a fair investigation. PTI

### U.S., Saudi officials discuss maritime defence

RIVADH  
The commander of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, Vice Admiral Jim Malloy, visited Saudi Arabia to discuss maritime defence coordination following last month's attacks on key oil facilities in the kingdom. AFP

# U.S. panel to hold hearing on South Asia on October 22

The focus will be on the human rights situation in Kashmir

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN  
WASHINGTON

As India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar does the rounds of Washington think-tanks and government departments, articulating, among other things, India's position on Kashmir and Article 370, a subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives has finalised the date – October 22 – for its hearing on human rights in South Asia, with a focus on Kashmir.

"The hearing will focus on the Kashmir Valley, where many political activists have been arrested and daily life, the internet, and telephone communications

have been interrupted. The hearing will also review the humanitarian situation in Kashmir and whether Kashmiris have adequate supplies of food, medicine and other essentials," a statement from Congressman Brad Sherman, who chairs the House Subcommittee on Asia, said.

Alice Wells, the State Department's top official for South Asia, will be one of those testifying, as will Scott Busby, Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. Other State Department officials and human rights activists have also been called to testify.

The hearing was, at least in part, a result of requests from California voters of South Asian origin. "In August, I had an opportunity to meet with Americans from Kashmir Valley in the San Fernando Valley, along with my colleague Congressman André Carson (D-IN)," Mr. Sherman said. "We heard stories of difficulties encountered by my constituents and others, and the fears they have for their loved ones," Mr. SHERman added.

The hearing will extend beyond Kashmir and will include the situation of Muslims in Assam (NRC), Tamils in Sri Lanka and also Pakistan's Sindh Province.

# N. Korea, U.S. to resume talks on Oct. 5

ASSOCIATED PRESS  
SEOUL

North Korea and the U.S. have agreed to resume nuclear negotiations on October 5 following a months-long stalemate over withdrawal of sanctions in exchange for disarmament, a senior North Korean diplomat said on Tuesday.

Choe Son Hui, North Korea's first Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, said the two nations will have preliminary contact on October 4 before holding working-level talks on October 5.

In a statement, Ms. Choe expressed optimism over the outcome of the meeting, but did not reveal where the negotiations would take place.

# 'Suspects made jokes before killing Khashoggi'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
LONDON

Saudi operatives suspected of killing journalist Jamal Khashoggi at the country's Istanbul consulate were heard joking and talking about dismemberment before his arrival, according to secret tapes heard by UN investigators.

"There was a discussion about 'will the body and the hips fit into a bag this way?'" Helena Kennedy, a British lawyer assisting the UN probe into Khashoggi's death, told BBC television's Panorama documentary programme.

Ms. Kennedy said Turkish bugs in the Saudi consulate picked up a forensic pathologist suspected of cutting up Khashoggi's body as saying, "I often play music when

I'm cutting cadavers. Sometimes I have a coffee and a cigar at hand."

The pathologist also says, "It's the first time in my life that I've had to cut pieces on the ground – even if you are a butcher and want to cut, he hangs the animal up to do so," she added.

"They speak about waiting for Khashoggi to arrive and they say, 'Has the sacrificial animal arrived?' You could hear them laughing, it's a chilling business."

Turkey handed over 45 minutes of recordings to the UN in order for them to investigate the incident.

UN special rapporteur Agnes Callamard said, Khashoggi asked his killers, "Are you going to give me an injection?", to which they replied, "Yes."

# Johnson to table new Brexit plan

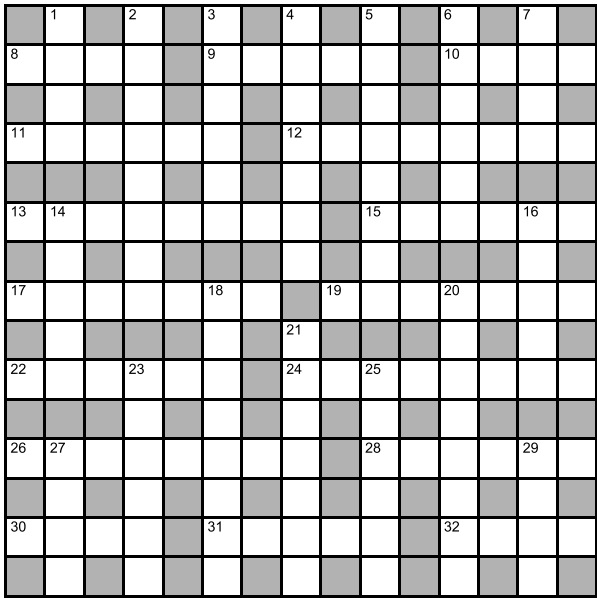
AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
MANCHESTER

Britain will table new proposals on a Brexit deal "very soon", Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Tuesday, while distancing himself from a leaked plan about the Irish border.

"We are going to make a very good offer. We will be tabling it formally very soon," Mr. Johnson told BBC television from Manchester, where his Conservative party's conference is under way.

Versions of his proposal reported in U.K. and Irish media suggest he wants checks on goods conducted away from the Irish border, while food and agricultural products are waved through.

## THE HINDU CROSSWORD 12745



### ■ ACROSS

- 8 Yankee heads Goa Travels' Indian exercise discipline? (4)
- 9 Direction shown by Ross' outhouse (5)
- 10 Terrible Russian – one leading spearhead (4)
- 11 Adventurous Sam left roving submarine at sultanate (6)
- 12 Portrayed ancient resident of Scotland, indeed (8)

- 13 Fight couple of girls during Ulster rioting (8)
- 15 Worried maharanis ran away displaying non-violence (6)
- 17 Great soul's headgear is in possession of mummy (7)
- 19 Spinner's Chinese boat has anchor in the front (7)
- 22 On board, Kane creeps and moves stealthily (6)
- 24 Excitedly bid space in cyclickershaws (8)
- 26 Drug returned around beginning of August by Scotsman to caretaker (8)
- 28 Attorney sprinkles holy water... not hot (6)
- 30 Endlessly obstruct coalition (4)
- 31 Two score plus ten and half of 4 (5)
- 32 Strand Ray on retirement on Nancowry at first (4)

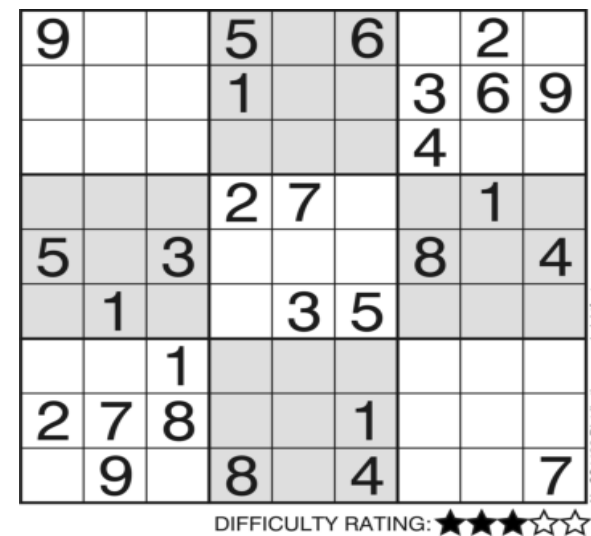
### ■ DOWN

- 1 Ms Derek meets queen and settler from Transvaal (4)
- 2 Vehicle with new and initially unused buffing agent – a type of wax (8)

(set by Incognito)

- 3 Requesting for information in the position of monarch (6)
- 4 Barbarian revolutionary/red at last scored century (7)
- 5 Flogs, resulting in neck injury (8)
- 6 Fruit landed with energy (6)
- 7 Stick tin on wolverine's tail (4)
- 14 Coach Teach (5)
- 16 Indian gentleman has rejected Indian boss initially (5)
- 18 Sort of upper-lip possessed by masters and dogs? (8)
- 20 Car reverses and yaws badly around eastern channel carrying water (8)
- 21 Pins new product as part of brand extension strategy (4-3)
- 23 Lion sent from wild California to its native continent, perhaps (6)
- 25 Yes, lad collapsed, resulting in hold-ups (6)
- 27 Intoxicated guy having a bit of lemonade is not handsome (4)
- 29 Buck loses head, Lord (4)

## SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

Solution to puzzle 12744								
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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku								
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## FAITH

# The soul's journey

There are many references in the Upanishads, the sastras, the puranas and the Itihasas to the journey of the departed soul once it sheds its mortal body. Ironically, it might appear incongruous or unnecessary for one to think of this issue while living through this lifetime, for it seems more logical to live in the present than think of the future. But this is a crucial issue for every jivatma, says Tirumangai Azhwar with great insight and fervour, pointed out Sri Mukkur Srinivasan in a discourse.

When the Azhwar visits the Naimisaranya Kshetra, he is impressed and captivated by the Lord who is believed to appear in the form of a forest here. The Azhwar feels the impact of the Lord's Supremacy in which is subsumed His macro and microscopic omniscience and bursts forth into a soul stirring hymn of great appeal. Even as he takes refuge in the Lord's auspicious feet, he immediately examines his own state of mind. He admits that when he uses the term 'Adiyen,' in the Lord's presence, it is truly not free of ego sense. Neither can one claim that he is free of faults and inadequacies. At the same time, he also realises the Lord's boundless compassion through whose grace he is able to understand the destiny of the soul in every jivatma.

As it passes through countless births, when the body alone perishes, the soul with its subtle attendants, namely the vasanas and the effects of good and bad deeds has to travel in various regions until it finally attains salvation. Karma is the effect of one's deeds, good and bad and cannot be circumvented by any one. Every thought, word and deed of jivatma is registered most meticulously and this becomes the chain that binds every jivatma in samsara. Both good and bad deeds have to be relinquished to attain salvation.

MARKET WATCH		
	01-10-2019	% CHANGE
Sensex	38,305	-0.94
US Dollar	71.07	-0.28
Gold	38,140	-0.15
Brent oil	59.68	-2.05

NIFTY 50		
	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	404.05	-9.90
Asian Paints	1766.10	3.95
Axis Bank	679.15	-5.85
Bajaj Auto	2910.00	-31.80
Bajaj Finserv	8458.35	-54.65
Bajaj Finance	3992.40	-53.65
Bharti Airtel	350.95	-16.10
BPL	493.90	23.80
Britannia Ind	2919.55	-24.60
Cipla	412.65	-12.85
Coal India	194.10	-5.75
Dr Reddys Lab	2689.35	-12.90
Eicher Motors	17826.85	61.65
GAIL (India)	132.90	-1.60
Grasim Ind	693.15	-36.95
HCL Tech	1059.55	-21.05
HDFC	1995.65	18.60
HDFC Bank	1248.80	21.35
Hero MotoCorp	2688.35	-16.40
Hindalco	189.75	-1.60
Hind Unilever	1990.30	8.35
ICICI Bank	424.60	-9.10
Indusind Bank	1298.05	-85.50
Bharti Infratel	249.00	-8.30
Infosys	793.55	-12.10
Indian OilCorp	148.55	1.15
ITC	255.90	-3.95
JSW Steel	222.65	-7.30
Kotak Bank	1648.20	3.75
L&T	1464.05	-10.20
M&M	556.70	9.55
Maruti Suzuki	6782.00	66.20
Nestle India Ltd.	13681.55	-208.10
NTPC	117.05	-0.45
ONGC	128.20	-3.60
PowerGrid Corp	196.50	-2.55
Reliance Ind	1304.90	-27.35
State Bank	255.95	-14.85
Sun Pharma	386.55	-2.90
Tata Motors	115.30	-2.15
Tata Steel	351.55	-8.95
TCS	2059.95	-39.35
Tech Mahindra	704.95	-9.55
Titan	1280.60	7.55
UltraTech Cement	4212.60	-128.65
UPL	594.95	-9.00
Vedanta	151.30	-2.85
Wipro	233.50	-6.30
YES Bank	32.00	-9.40
Zee Entertainment	233.15	-32.35

EXCHANGE RATES		
Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 01		
CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	70.88	71.20
Euro	77.27	77.62
British Pound	86.98	87.41
Japanese Yen (100)	65.43	65.75
Chinese Yuan	9.91	9.96
Swiss Franc	70.82	71.14
Singapore Dollar	51.13	51.37
Canadian Dollar	53.39	53.65
Malaysian Ringgit	16.90	17.00
Source: Indian Bank		

BULLION RATES CHENNAI		
October 01 rates in rupees with previous rates in parentheses		
Retail Silver (1g)	47.7	(48.2)
22 ct gold (1 g)	3556	(3588)



**Samsung unveils Galaxy Fold at ₹1.65 lakh**

NEW DELHI  
Samsung unveiled its luxury smartphone Galaxy Fold — that comes with a foldable display — in India at a price tag of ₹1,64,999. Pre-bookings for the phone will open on October 4 while deliveries will begin on October 20. The Galaxy Fold will come with a 12GB RAM, 512GB internal storage and 4,380mAh dual battery. It has six cameras – one 10 MP on the front display, three (16MP+12MP+12MP) at the back, and two (10MP+8MP) on the main display.

**Natco Pharma unit gets EIR from USFDA**

HYDERABAD  
Natco Pharma on Tuesday said its active pharmaceutical ingredient facility at Mekaguda village, near here, has got an establishment inspection report (EIR) from the US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA). The regulator inspected the facility from August 5-9. “We are pleased to announce [the] successful closure of inspection with the receipt of an establishment inspection report from the USFDA,” said V.C. Nannapaneni, CMD, Natco Pharma.

**SAT upholds SEBI order against Gautam Thapar**

NEW DELHI  
The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) on Tuesday upheld regulator SEBI’s order that barred CG Power ex-chairman Gautam Thapar and three other former officials from the capital markets for misstatement of accounts as well as funds diversion. The appellants are entitled for supply of documents from the company so that they may file an appropriate reply before SEBI and denial of such documents would be in violation of principles of natural justice, it ruled. PTI

# Ford moves India business to JV with M&M

U.S. major stops independent operations; JV to develop, market, distribute Ford vehicles in India

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI

After the exit of General Motors and Fiat from India, Ford Motor Company has now decided to close its independent operations in the country as it agreed to move most of its assets in India into a joint venture (JV) with Mahindra and Mahindra (M&M), which will own 51% controlling stake and operationally manage the JV.

Both companies have signed a definitive agreement to create a JV that will develop, market and distribute Ford brand vehicles in India, and Ford brand and Mahindra brand vehicles in high-growth emerging markets around the world.

“Ford will transfer its India operations to the joint venture, including its per-



M&M's Anand Mahindra and Pawan Goenka with Jim Farley, President of Ford New Businesses.

sonnel and assembly plants in Chennai and Sanand. Ford will retain the Ford engine plant operations in Sanand as well as the global business services unit, Ford Credit and Ford Smart Mobility,” both companies said in a

joint statement. Ford has struggled to compete with cheap, fuel-efficient vehicles in the world’s fourth-largest automobiles market even as it was one of the first global car companies to enter India when the economy opened

up in the early 1990s. “Mahindra and Ford coming together is a testament to the long history of cooperation and mutual respect between the two companies,” said Anand Mahindra, chairman, Mahindra Group.

“Our combined strengths – Mahindra’s expertise in value-focussed engineering and its successful operating model, and Ford’s technical expertise, global reach and access to future technology – are a potent recipe for success,” he added.

**Valued at ₹1,925 crore**  
The joint venture, valued at ₹1,925 crore, is the next step in the strategic alliance forged between Ford and Mahindra in September 2017 and is expected to be operational by mid-2020 and its

governance would be equally overseen by representatives of Mahindra and Ford.

“Ford and Mahindra have a long history of working together, and we are proud to partner with them to grow the Ford brand in India,” said Bill Ford, executive chairman, Ford Motor Company.

The joint venture will be responsible for growing the Ford brand in India and exporting its products to Ford entities globally.

The American major will continue to own the Ford brand, and its branded vehicles will be distributed through the current Ford India dealer network.

Mahindra will continue to own the Mahindra brand and operate its own independent dealer network in India.

# Quantum of debt downgrade jumps threefold, says Crisil

Rises to ₹1.38 lakh cr. in first half of FY20, from ₹39,000 cr.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI

The first six months of the current financial year have seen credit quality pressures intensify for corporate India due to a combination of factors like global and domestic economic slowdown, sharp fall in consumption demand, and slower government spending.

The latest analysis by ratings major Crisil, the value of debt that has been downgraded saw an over three-fold jump to ₹1.38 lakh crore in the first half of fiscal 2020, from ₹39,000 crore in the first half of the previous financial year. Incidentally, this is the highest for any

half – first six months of a fiscal – since the financial year 2015-16.

Further, the rating entity’s debt-weighted credit ratio, which is the value of debt upgraded to downgraded, plunged to 0.25 in the first half of the current fiscal, a major drop from the previous financial year’s ratio of 1.65.

According to the ratings agency, constrained access to funding also affected the credit profiles of entities across sectors, especially non-banks and real estate.

“Across rating categories, entities with higher leverage saw more downgrades as pressure from the demand

slump intensified,” Somasekhar Vemuri, senior director, Crisil Ratings said. “Declining profitability and stretch in working capital cycles also were reasons for the downgrades. On the other hand, those with lower leverage withstood the demand-side challenges better,” Mr. Vemuri added.

More importantly, the fall in credit ratios was seen across sectors linked to investment, export and domestic consumption.

Among investment-linked sectors, construction and allied accounted for over 30% of downgrades because of delays in project execution and stretched liquidity.

# IOB may come out of PCA soon: Karnam Sekar

NPA problem is behind us, says MD

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
CHENNAI

Public sector lender Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) is likely to come out of the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework of the Reserve Bank of India soon, said a top official.

“We are likely to come out of PCA soon,” said Karnam Sekar, MD & CEO, Indian Overseas Bank. “But, we cannot say whether it is [going to be] this quarter or [the] next quarter.” Mr. Sekar, who assumed charge on July 1, made this observation based on the strong second quarter performance, which is to be announced soon.

“The non-performing asset (NPA) problem is behind us. The performance in the last few months has been encouraging. Recently, the board had approved revised

norms for one-time settlement (OTS) and it is gaining traction. The provision coverage ratio is at 73%-74% and it will be increased further. This will bring down the net NPA ratio,” he said.

Over the next few days, IOB, in association with all the public sector and private sector banks and non-banking financial institutions, will conduct loan melas in different parts of Tamil Nadu in two phases.

“This will give a definite boost to credit pick up in retail and MSME sectors. The loan pick-up during the festive month will be better than in the second quarter,” he said. Asked about the target, he said the bank was lending about ₹500 crore per month to the retail sector and this would double in October.

# IL&FS may resolve 50% of debt by FY20

Uday Kotak gets one-year extension as chairman of the debt-ridden firm

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI

The board of the crisis-hit Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS), which was reconstituted by the government last year, expects to resolve at least half of the company’s debt issues by the end of the current financial year.

The company has initiated a combination of actions, including monetisation of assets and restructuring of debt, and hopes to either resolve or restructure 50% of its over ₹90,000 crore debt by March 2020, said Uday Kotak, who was appointed chairman by the government in October last year.

“Our good faith view at this point of time is that we should be able to recover, restructure or resolve... but we are quite confident that we should cross the 50% mark based on our best esti-



IL&FS chairman Uday Kotak (left), and C.S. Rajan, MD, IL&FS, addressing the media on Tuesday.

mates and judgment,” Mr. Kotak told the media.

On Tuesday, the government gave Mr. Kotak a one-year extension to continue as the chairman of IL&FS.

The veteran banker also said that the company would consider the Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) route to monetise some of its

road assets. The diversified group is expecting ₹3,000-3,500 crore from sale of real estate assets, including its headquarters at the BKC business district in the city.

Further, the company has identified a resolution plan for all its 302 entities, whose combined debt is pegged at ₹94,216 crore. These include

# Auto sales continue to slump in September

Firms pin hopes on festive purchases

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI / MUMBAI / CHENNAI

Automobile sales in the country continued to decline in September but the industry is hopeful of buyers returning to the market on the back of festive celebrations along with factors, such as discounts and good monsoons spurring purchases.

Automakers have already begun seeing an increase in showroom footfalls and retail bookings. This is also reflected in the vehicle registration data available on the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways website. The data show that across 31 of the 36 States, vehicle registrations stood at over 19.33 lakh units in September, the highest monthly registrations since November 2018 when the number stood at over 21.01 lakh registrations.

While retail sales – represented by vehicle registrations – show signs of a pick-up, wholesalers continue to fall. Interestingly, even at the wholesale level, sequential monthly sales show a rise, as in the case of Maruti.

Maruti Suzuki India on Tuesday saw its domestic passenger vehicle sales decline 27% last month to over 1.1 lakh units, down from about 1.51 lakh units in the year-ago period. On a sequential basis, September sales are higher than the 93,173 units seen in August.

Hyundai Motor India said its domestic sales fell 14.8% to 40,705 units last month, while Honda Cars India saw domestic sales of 9,301 units in September 2019 as against sales of 14,820 units in September 2018.

“We are positive that this festive season, will augur well for us and the automotive industry,” said Veejay

Still in the woods		
	Sept. 2019	Sept. 2018
Maruti	1,12,500	1,53,550
Hyundai	40,705	62,757
M&M*	14,333	21,411
Tata Motors*	8,097	18,429
Honda	9,301	14,820
TVS Motor	3,00,909	4,10,657
Ashok Leyland	7,851	18,078

\*passenger vehicles Numbers in unit

Ram Nakra, chief of sales and marketing, automotive division, M&M Ltd. “This, in addition to factors such as the good monsoon and recently announced positive government initiatives should help revive the industry in the short term,” he added.

Mayank Pareek, president, passenger vehicles business unit, Tata Motors Ltd. said, “Customers have responded well to our festive offers as reflected in 11% more retail in September 2019 compared with August. However, the industry continued to decline in September.”

“In September, our retail was 31% more than offtake; as a result, dealer stock came down by around 10%. In H1, network stock has been reduced by 21%, the lowest in the last 10 quarters. This helped in rotation of dealer working capital and preparing the network for the festive season.”

Bajaj Auto’s total sales fell 20% to 4,02,035 units in September. The company had sold 5,02,009 units in the same month a year ago.

Commercial truck maker Ashok Leyland reported a 57% dip in domestic sales to 7,851 units during September 2019 from a year earlier.

# IRCTC IPO subscribed 3.25 times

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI

The initial public offer (IPO) of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), which opened for subscription on Monday, was subscribed 3.25 times till Tuesday, with retail investors showing a keen interest in the offer.

As per NSE data, the issue received bids for 6.56 crore equity shares as against 2.02 crore shares on offer in the price band of ₹315-320.

The retail segment, which was already over subscribed on Monday, received a large number of bids on Tuesday as well, with the segment getting subscribed 6.21 times.

The employee portion has been subscribed 2.64 times.

# Yes Bank tanks as lenders sell pledged shares

Private sector lender tumbles 23%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI

After tumbling 15% on Monday, Yes Bank shares fell another 23% on Tuesday amid speculation that lenders invoked pledged shares of its promoter Rana Kapoor.

According to bulk deal data, Milestone Trusteeship Services sold 10 crore shares of Yes Bank at ₹35.29 apiece.

According to a separate BSE filing dated July 22, Rana Kapoor, the former MD and CEO of Yes Bank who is also the co-founder, had pledged 10 crore shares with Milestone Trusteeship Services.

According to market participants, shares were also pledged with Reliance Nippon Asset Management Company though this information could not indepen-

dently verified.

On the BSE, shares of Yes Bank closed at ₹32, down 22.8% from its previous close.

On September 19, Morgan Credits Pvt. Ltd., a part of the promoter group of Yes Bank, had sold 2.3% shareholding in the bank for about ₹340 crore to prepay non-convertible debentures subscribed to by various schemes of Anil Ambani’s Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Company.

On September 26, Yes Capital (India) Private Ltd. (YCPL), which is part of the promoter group of Yes Bank, had sold 1.8% shareholding in the private sector lender to prepay non-convertible debentures (NCDS) subscribed to by various schemes of Franklin Templeton Asset Management.

# India begins overwhelming favourite

Saha replaces Pant in the playing XI; South Africa expected to put up a brave fight

## SA IN INDIA

S. DINAKAR  
VISAKHAPATNAM

Familiarity can lead to complacency. And adversity can lift sides in unfamiliar settings.

Cricket is a funny game and surprises are not uncommon. Yet, India, competitive abroad and ruthless at home, should start the three-Test series against South Africa as the overwhelming favourite.

And the dusty cream coloured track at the ACA-VDCA Stadium should suit the top-ranked Test side in the world as the first Test gets underway here on Wednesday.

For a South African side, rebuilding, the Freedom series presents a wonderful opportunity to display togetherness and fight. Proteas needs heroes to emerge.

### Rain forecast

Tuesday was bright here, but spells of rain have been forecast during the Test. Damp conditions and a cloud cover could provide a lifeline to the South Africans with their world class pacemen, led by Kagiso Rabada.

If the conditions remain hot and dry, and cracks develop on the surface, apart from spin, reverse swing could dent line-ups.

The host has made some important choices. Wriddhiman Saha, who last figured in a Test at Cape Town in 2018 before being derailed by injuries, is back in the eleven.

Despite questions being raised about Rishabh Pant's choice of strokes, Saha's skilful and superior glove work would have swung the argument in his favour.

On subcontinental pitches with turn and uneven bounce that deteriorate further, standing up to spinners is the hardest job for a 'keeper and Saha appears the right man for the job.

R. Ashwin and Ravindra



Swing 'em: Vernon Philander will look to make the ball talk in the Test series against India. ■K.R. DEEPAK

## Tribute to the Mahatma!

S. DINAKAR  
VISAKHAPATNAM

It's fitting that the India-South Africa Freedom series is beginning here on October 2, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

There is a common bond that runs through Gandhi, India and South Africa. Indeed, South Africa is an important stop in the inspirational man's tale.

Gandhi spent as many as 21 years of his life in South Africa and it was racial discrimination there, during the dark days of the apartheid era, that convinced him to fight against oppressive, colonial regimes and was the catalyst for his freedom struggle in India.

Talking about the influence of Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi in his life while

growing up, South African fielding legend Jonty Rhodes said, "Both Mandela and Gandhi were great messengers of peace who taught us important values of equality, kindness and humanity which have a place in cricket too."

The Indian and the South African teams will be paying their tribute to Gandhi when they start the series on such a momentous day.

Skipper Faf du Plessis is as feisty as they come while wicketkeeper-batsman Quinton de Kock drips with ability. Temba Bavuma is a developing middle-order batsman.

### Allrounder Philander

South Africa could play Vernon Philander, who combines seam movement with control, as an all-rounder at No. 7 and pick a second spinner to support the world class left-armer Keshav Maharaj. The explosive Rabada could be partnered by the mercurial Lungi Ngidi or the even quicker Anrich Nortje.

Pace has to combine with accuracy. As du Plessis put it, speed alone would be a waste in India.

**The teams: India (final XI):** Virat Kohli (Capt.), Rohit Sharma, Mayank Agarwal, Cheteshwar Pujara, Ajinkya Rahane, Hanuma Vihari, Wriddhiman Saha (wk), R. Jadeja, R. Ashwin, Ishant Sharma and Mohammed Shami.

**South Africa (from):** Faf du Plessis (Capt.), Aiden Markram, Dean Elgar, Theunis de Bruyn, Temba Bavuma, Quinton de Kock (wk), Vernon Philander, Keshav Maharaj, Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi, Dale Piedt, Anrich Nortje and Senuram Muthusamy.

Match starts at 9.30 a.m.

# Rohit up for the challenge: Kohli

S. DINAKAR  
VISAKHAPATNAM

Virat Kohli's visage sported a glow and a smile that comes with success. The relentless run-maker with class and timing is also India's most successful Test captain.

After leading India to a crushing Test series triumph over the West Indians in the Caribbean, Kohli is eyeing a victory over the South Africans at home. And with every win adding to India's tally in the World Test Championship, the Indian skipper is excited.

### In no rush

The team management has been taking decisions ahead of the Test. Kohli confirmed, "Rohit [Sharma] is going to start for us. We're in no rush. He'll be given space to find his own game and come into his own."

"He's up for the challenge

and we are sure, he will, sooner than later, find his game at the top. Once he is in his zone, he can do great things for the team."

The skipper said wicket-keeper Wriddhiman Saha would be a part of the eleven. "Saha is fit and fine to go. His keeping credentials are there for everyone to see." According to me, he's the best keeper in the world, so in these conditions, with what he's done in the past, he starts for us."

Kohli said both R. Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja would play the Test here. "Jaddu, we felt, was in a better zone, as far as him performing overseas and what he's done in the past season for the team, so yeah, from that point of view he started in West Indies."

"But look, wherever the conditions provide us to go ahead with two spinners,

obviously Ash is going to be a threat, and in home conditions, with his batting credentials, and the way he bowls as well, he's always going to be starting with Jadeja, so that was a no-brainer for us."

South African captain Faf du Plessis was pleased about his team playing its first World Test Championship series.

"It's very exciting for all of us, it's something fresh, something new. We've been playing a lot of Test cricket but this is the first of its kind and we haven't had Test cricket since February or March, or the beginning of the year. It has been a gap of Test cricket for us. And we are coming to India."

If the pitch offered turn then left-armer Keshav Maharaj, "as good as any in the world", would trouble the Indians, he said.

## Battlelines drawn

SOURCE: ESPNCRICINFO


A winning start to the Test series against South Africa will take India closer to eclipsing Australia's record of 10 straight home series victories. The Proteas, on the other hand, will be aiming to open their World Test Championship campaign on a positive note

OVERALL RECORD	INDIA WON	SA WON	DRAWN
36	11	15	10

IN INDIA	8	5	3
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India had beaten South Africa 3-0 in the four-match series in 2015, the last time the Proteas had toured

### TOP INDIAN BATSMEN AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA


	Player	M	Inn	Runs	HS	Average	100s	50s
	Sachin Tendulkar	25	45	1,741	169	42.46	7	5
	Virender Sehwag	15	26	1,306	319	50.23	5	2
	Rahul Dravid	21	40	1,252	148	33.83	2	5

### TOP SOUTH AFRICAN BATSMEN AGAINST INDIA

Player	M	Inn	Runs	HS	Average	100s	50s
Jacques Kallis	18	31	1,734	201*	69.36	7	5
Hashim Amla	21	37	1,528	253*	43.65	5	7
AB de Villiers	20	35	1,334	217*	39.23	3	6




### TOP INDIAN BOWLERS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA



Player	M	Inn	Wkt	BBI	Average	SR	SWI
Anil Kumble	21	40	84	6/53	31.79	81.3	3
Javagal Srinath	13	25	64	6/21	24.48	51.7	4
Harbhajan Singh	11	19	60	7/87	28.4	59.4	4

### TOP SOUTH AFRICAN BOWLERS AGAINST INDIA

Player	M	Inn	Wkt	BBI	Average	SR	SWI
Dale Steyn	14	23	65	7/51	21.53	41.8	5
Morne Morkel	17	31	58	5/20	26.41	53.7	1
Allan Donald	11	20	57	7/84	17.31	43.7	3



# Rohit's new gig the last throw of the dice



## BETWEEN WICKETS

SURESH MENON

Other things remaining equal, if the choice for a Test place is between two players of unproven record at the batting position available, the younger man usually gets the job. Shubman Gill is 20, and Rohit Sharma 32, so it should be a no-brainer. Yet, the senior man, who has played 27 Tests and averages over 85 in nine Tests at home, will be given one more chance to seal a place at the top of the order.

Selectors, fans, teammates, former players, and television commentators are all willing Rohit on to succeed; few players in Indian cricket have had such cheerleaders.

As a natural timer of the ball with the instinct to attack, he brings to the game a touch and an attitude few possess, and some of the support is understandable. If he could match his one-day record (8000-plus runs at 48, three double centuries in 27 centuries overall), Indian cricket would certainly gain. If the experiment fails, then Rohit goes back to the cut and thrust of one-day and T20 cricket, to finish as a footnote in Indian Test history, a long-surviving disappointment and might-have-been. It is a gamble India are willing to take, the impact of possible success overcoming the price of failure.

### No secrets

Over the next three years India tour New Zealand, Australia, England and South Africa. Rohit averages 26 in 18 Tests abroad with a highest score of 79 in 33 innings. As opener he will be severely tested with two kinds of bowling that aren't popular in white ball cricket – the swinging delivery and the short one bowled into the ribs. There are no secrets – or helpful field and bowling restrictions – in Test cricket.

This partially answers the question fans often ask: How can a player who dominates white ball cricket be so ordinary in the red ball version? Technique isn't everything, of course. Sourav Ganguly who initially struggled with some of the same issues, changed his

game around and showed how a big heart and sheer self-confidence can sometimes overcome technical shortcomings.

Rohit Sharma is not the first middle-order batsman who has been asked to open, nor will he be the last. The selectors are probably hoping that the move will be as successful as the one initiated by skipper Ganguly when he asked Virender Sehwag to open five matches after he began his career, like Rohit, with a century on debut at No. 6. Sehwag went on to rewrite the book on opening Test batting. India will settle for far less with Rohit – consistency and good starts with his partner so the middle order can come into its own.

Ganguly understood the value of having Sehwag in the side but didn't know where to fit him in. The middle order read Dravid-Tendulkar-Laxman-Ganguly. At this stage of his career, Rohit Sharma gets a new gig not because the middle order is as strong, but as a way of salvaging a career in red ball cricket that appears unfulfilled, incomplete, and deeply unsatisfactory for a batsman who has charmed his way through so many short innings.

He will be up against Kagiso Rabada, one of only two bowlers in the game with over 100 wickets whose strike rate is in the 30s. Rabada spearheads an attack which also has Vernon Philander and Ngidi Lungi, and if over the next three Tests Rohit scores the runs that inspires self-belief for the tougher battles ahead, one part of the gamble



The clincher: Rohit Sharma's record in the shorter game and the gut feeling that with experience he might be less inclined to throw it away have swung things in his favour. ■K.R. DEEPAK

would have succeeded.

Already Priyank Panchal has given the selectors a reminder with a century against South Africa-A while Abhimanyu Easwaran, younger by five years, has shown himself to be an organised batsman with an appetite for big scores. K.L. Rahul isn't out of it yet, merely out of form. Prithvi Shaw's drugs ban ends in November soon after he turns 20 and he comes into reckoning again.

### Costly philosophy

There is much to be said for selecting a young player when he is in form and getting runs consistently. It has happened before that a promising youngster who is kept waiting is finally chosen during a season when he is struggling, and finishes with a career that is needlessly brief. "He is young, his turn will come," is an Indian philosophy that has cost us in the past.

Cricket selection works on the principle that the younger player deserves a chance to succeed while the older one must be given a chance to fail. Rohit Sharma's record in the shorter game and the gut feeling that with experience he might be less inclined to throw it away as he has in the past has earned him a final call. Attractive batsmanship backed by all-round support is a formula for persistence, although the likes of Karun Nair, for one, might believe he could have done with similar support. But it doesn't come to everybody, not even someone who has a triple century in Tests.

# Shafali, spinners seal series win for India

After the opener powers the side to 140, Poonam and Radha take over

## SA-WOMEN IN INDIA

P.K. AJITH KUMAR  
SURAT

There was cricket, finally. The women's T20I series, badly affected by persistent rain over the last few days, resumed on Tuesday. And India clinched it in style.

The 51-run victory in the fourth match at the Lalbhai Contractor Stadium, in front of another big crowd, gave the host an unassailable 2-0 lead, with the last game to be played on October 4 (the second and third games were washed out). It was truly a dominant show by the Women in Blue against a South African side that failed to give a fight in either innings.

The match was reduced to 17-overs-a-side after the game began an hour late because of a wet outfield. A lot went right for India, the host's win fashioned by 15-year-old opener Shafali Verma and the Yadav spin duo of Poonam and Radha, who took five wickets between them.

### Lowlight

There were several highlights in the Indian innings, such as the fearlessness showed by Shafali, the brief spell of ferocious hitting by skipper Harmanpreet Kaur and the sweet timing of Jemimah Rodrigues. But, it was the lowlight that decided the course of the match: the fielding of the visitors.

It was as if they had forgotten how to catch, after being denied play and practice for so long, perhaps. For most of the innings, there seemed to be a contest going on among them: who will drop the next catch?

That was after the South African captain Sune Luus decided to field first. She would not have anticipated her side would soon be dropping catches aplenty.



Laying the base: Shafali set it up with a 33-ball 46 while opening the innings. ■VIJAY SONEJI

ping catches aplenty.

On a night like this and in front of a crowd like this, and at the time of the Navaratri festival, the Indian women were not going to say no to all those gifts. Especially Shafali, the girl who just loves to whack the ball.

She had been dropped in the second over while on five, by Lara Goodall at mid-on off Ayabonga Khakha, and then by Laura Wolvaardt, who 'helped' the ball

slay over deep mid-wicket for six.

The teenager from Haryana hit another six and five fours in her 33-ball 46.

She was looking good enough for what would have been a remarkable fifty when she played Sekhukhune on to her bat and then pad before being bowled.

She had put on 52 for the first wicket with Smriti Mandhana, someone the South Africans seemed des-

perately wanted to strike form; the left-hander was dropped four times during her 19-ball stay.

Jemimah, however, ensured that the contest would also be remembered for the right reasons, as she played some lovely strokes and added 40 for the fourth wicket with Deepti Sharma.

That association, and some brisk batting by Deepti at the death, gave it a total it could defend easily.

## SCOREBOARD

<b>INDIA</b> Shafali Verma b Sekhukhune 46 (33b, 5x4, 2x6), Smriti Mandhana c du Preez b de Klerk 13 (19b, 2x4), Jemimah Rodrigues b Khaka 33 (22b, 5x4), Harmanpreet Kaur c Sekhukhune b de Klerk 16 (9b, 2x4, 1x6), Deepti Sharma (not out) 20 (16b, 2x4), Pooja Vastrakar (not out) 5 (4b); Extras (b-1, nb-1, w-5): 7; Total (for four wkts. in 17 overs): 140.	<b>SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING</b> Ismail 4-0-22-0, Khaka 4-0-33-1, Sekhukhune 2-0-22-1, Luus 2-0-16-0, de Klerk 3-0-24-2, Mlaba 2-0-22-0.	3 (7b); Extras (b-1, w-6): 7; Total (for seven wkts. in 17 overs): 89.
<b>FALL OF WICKETS</b> 1-52 (Smriti, 6.6 overs), 2-65 (Shafali, 8.3), 3-89 (Harmanpreet, 10.5), 4-129 (Jemimah, 15.5).	<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b> Lizelle Lee run out 9 (11b, 2x4), Tazmin Brits b Deepti 20 (23b, 2x4), Laura Wolvaardt c Jemimah b Radha 23 (24b, 4x4), Nadine de Klerk c Shafali b Poonam 9 (11b, 1x4), Miguel du Preez c Veda b Poonam 0 (1b), Sune Luus st. Taniya b Poonam 5 (8b), Lara Goodall (not out) 8 (12b, 1x4), Shabnim Ismail c Deepti b Radha 5 (5b, 1x4), Ayabonga Khaka (not out)	<b>FALL OF WICKETS</b> 1-10 (Lee, 1.5 ov), 2-49 (Wolvaardt, 7.6), 3-65 (de Klerk, 10.4), 4-65 (du Preez, 10.5), 5-72 (Luus, 12.5), 6-74 (Brits, 13.3), 7-85 (Ismail, 14.5).
		<b>INDIA BOWLING</b> Deepti 4-0-19-1, Shikha 3-0-21-0, Pooja 2-0-5-0, Harmanpreet 2-0-14-0, Poonam 3-0-13-3, Radha 3-0-16-2.
		<b>Toss:</b> South Africa.
		<b>Player-of-the-match:</b> Poonam.
		India won by 51 runs and leads five-match series 2-0.

TV PICKS

**India vs South Africa:** First Test, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD), 9.30 a.m.  
**Pakistan vs Sri Lanka:** Third ODI, Sony Six (SD & HD), 3.30 p.m.  
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**UEFA Champions League:** Sony Ten 1, 2, 3, Six & Sony ESPN (SD & HD), 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

IN BRIEF



Sangakkara takes charge as MCC president

**LONDON**  
Former Sri Lanka skipper Kumar Sangakkara on Tuesday took charge as the president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). Sangakkara is the first non-British President of MCC and he will hold the post for one year. "I am thrilled to hold the prestigious position of MCC President and I look forward to working hard with the MCC to build on this incredible year of cricket," Sangakkara said. **ANI**

Arsenal denies Man United

Game a poor imitation of past classics

FOOTBALL

**REUTERS**  
**MANCHESTER**

Manchester United was held to a 1-1 draw at home to Arsenal on Monday in a Premier League game which was a poor imitation of some of the past classic clashes between the clubs. Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang's 58th minute goal, given after VAR review, cancelled out Scott McTominay's well-struck opener on the stroke of halftime but it was a game which highlighted the weaknesses of the two teams. The result leaves United



**Top form:** Arsenal's Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang continued his rich vein of scoring with this equaliser against Manchester United. **•GETTY IMAGES**

Karsten Warholm bosses 400m hurdles

Lasitskene makes it a hat-trick in women's high jump

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**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE**  
**DORA**

Norway's Karsten Warholm retained his 400m hurdles World Championship crown with a barnstorming victory in Doha on Monday as Russia's Mariya Lasitskene completed a superb high jump hat-trick.

After an opening three days of competition marked by swathes of empty seats, Warholm delighted the biggest crowd of the championships so far with a battling victory at the Khalifa Stadium.

Warholm took gold in 47.42 seconds, with his rival Rai Benjamin of the United States claiming silver in 47.66sec. Qatar's Abderrahman Samba took bronze in 48.03.

Daniel Stahl of Sweden won the men's discus with a best mark of 67.59 metres.

Warholm's win came just

Nitin knocks out Vishnu

Dalwinder battles past Ranjeet; Prerna powers through

NATL. TENNIS

**KAMESH SRINIVASAN**  
**NEW DELHI**

Nitin Kumar Sinha played fluently to oust former champion Vishnu Vardhan 6-4, 6-1 in the first round of the Fenesta National tennis championship at the DLTA Complex on Tuesday.

It was a superb exhibition of athleticism and intense strokeplay by Nitin, a winner of the Asian junior championship in 2017.

Olympian Vishnu, who has been focusing on doubles in the professional circuit, looked solid till he missed three game points and dropped serve in the ninth game of the first set. Nitin served out the set in style with an ace.

In the second, Nitin took a 2-0 lead before Vishnu reduced the margin.

**Racing away**  
The former raced away with the next four games. Nitin will next play Abhinav Sanjeev Shanmugam.

In a battle between former champions, Dalwinder Singh prevailed 7-6(4), 6-3 against V.M. Ranjeet. The former put his power game



**Letting it rip:**The athletic Nitin swiftly ended Vishnu Vardhan's stay. **■KAMESH SRINIVASAN**

on display even though the latter teased him with his court-craft and judicious play.

Top seed Niki Poonacha was involved in a high-quality contest against qualifier Sai Karteek Ganta before

winning 7-5, 6-4, while Vijayant Malik tamed Yugal Bansal in the second set tie-break.

Qualifier Chandril Sood extended his stay, beating Dhruv Sunish who was rushed to hospital after suf-

fering a bout of cramps. In the women's event, four-time champion Prerna Bhambri cruised past Sudipta Senthilkumar.

Madhwin's Houdini act

In the under-18 boys' event, Madhwin Kamath survived six match points to turn the tables on Drona Walia 6-3, 6-7(4), 7-6(3) in a second-round marathon that lasted four hours and five minutes.

The results (first round):

**Men:** Niki Poonacha bt Sai Karteek Ganta 7-5, 6-4; S.D. Prajwal Dev bt Kavin Masilamani 6-1, 6-4; Vijayant Malik bt Yugal Bansal 6-0, 7-6(2); Dalwinder Singh bt V.M. Ranjeet 7-6(4), 6-3; Nitin Kumar Sinha bt Vishnu Vardhan 6-4, 6-1; Abhinav Sanjeev Shanmugam bt Ansu Bhuyan 6-4, 6-4; Chandril Sood bt Dhruv Sunish 7-6(4), 6-4; Anvit Bendre bt Yash Yadav 6-1, 6-3.

**Women:** Sowjanya Bavisetti bt Anusha Kondaveeti 6-2, 6-1; Lakshmi Sahitha Vutukuru bt Likhitha Kalava 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; Akanksha Nitture bt Harshita Chugh 6-1, 6-2; Sravya Shivani Chilakalapudi bt Rishika Sunkara 6-1, 6-1; Arthi Munian bt Ramya Natarajan 7-5, 6-3; Prerna Bhambri bt Sudipta Senthilkumar 6-2, 6-3; Vanshita Pathania bt Kashish Bhatia 6-2, 6-4; Bhuvana Kalva bt Sara Yadav 6-2, 7-5.

Indians eye lion's share of the medals

Prodigious Praggnanadhaa will be testing his skills in a higher age-group

YOUTH CHESS

**RAKESH RAO**  
**MUMBAI**

India's much-acclaimed teen talent in chess awaits stern tests in the two World championships the country hosts this month.

The World junior (under-20), to be staged in New Delhi in the second fortnight, will be preceded by a logistically-challenging World Youth championship that opens at the Renaissance Hotel here on Wednesday.

India first time host

Players from 64 countries, totalling a whopping 465, will play over 11 rounds here to decide the World champion in under-14, under-16 and under-18 age-groups, separately in open and girls' sections. India is hosting this prestigious event for the first time and seems set to do a great job of it.

With the focus on performance, India is keen to erase the horrors of its last year's showing.

India claimed two bronze medals, one more than its worst showing since 2011 when Debashis Das earned the only bronze in the under-18 section.

This year, in spite of the absence of sensations like D. Gukesh and Nihal Sarin,



**R. Praggnanandhaa.**  
**■FILE PHOTO: R. RAGU**

India is optimistic of a good medal-haul. Indeed, inconsistency of players in these age-groups often makes it tough to predict.

But going by ratings, top seed M. Sreeshwan (under-14), the top two seeds Divya Deshmukh, Rakshitta Ravi (girls under-14), third seed Mrudul Dehankar (girls' under-16) and second seed R. Praggnanandhaa (under-18) are seeded for a podium-finish.

Since the prodigious Praggnanadhaa, 14, will be testing his skills in a higher age-group, it will be interesting to see how he deals with a different kind of pressure. The presence of coach and mentor R.B. Ramesh should help the

I just love the DLF course: Morgan

The defending champ hasn't had a great year, but sounds optimistic

GOLF

**ANANT KAUR**  
**GURUGRAM**

Defending champion Becky Morgan is back for the 13th edition of the Hero Women's Indian Open golf tournament which tees off on October 3 to 7. The tournament offers a prize money of \$500,000.

After winning her maiden title on the Ladies European Tour, Morgan has had a top-sy-turvy year.

"The year has just flown by. I haven't seen many good results, but it feels nice to be back. I love coming to India. It's my 10th visit and I just love this course," said Morgan at the DLF golf course here on Tuesday.

Catriona Matthew, who led Europe in the Solheim Cup, is on a high after winning the title there. "I just arrived this morning [Tuesday] and haven't practised as yet. I hope to give my best when the tournament starts."

The Indian presence

The women's India Open has two of India's prominent golfers who have made their presence felt on the Tour.



**Ready to roll:** Tvesa Malik, Becky Morgan, Catriona Matthew and Gaurika Bishnoi will be keen to impress.

**■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT**

Tied for the 13th spot last year, recent college graduate Gaurika Bishnoi hopes to improve her performance this year.

Gaurika was confident ahead of her fourth Indian Open appearance.

"This year, I am neither expecting too much or too less. I feel I excel when I go in with that mentality. Otherwise, it just adds pressure," Gaurika told *The Hindu*.

Tvesa Malik, who played on the European Tour this year, expects a good finish. "Focusing on one day and one shot at a time is my motto. That's the only way to

play on this course as it can get quite tricky. It has been a learning process for me after playing on the qualifying school for the European Tour. I hope I can build on that and it works out well. I am quite comfortable on this course."

Positive outlook

The Women's Golf Association of India president Kavita Singh sounded optimistic about the future of women's golf. "I have always had faith in Indian girls, it's just a matter of focus, drive and discipline. I can see their desire and hunger to excel in the sport."

Vijay Hazare Trophy scores	
<b>Group A (Bengaluru):</b> Saurashtra 245 for nine in 50 overs (Arpit Vasavada 59, Chirag Jani 40 n.o., Shardul Thakur three for 36, Shams Mulani three for 49) lost to Mumbai 248 for five in 48 overs (Shreyas Iyer 73, Suryakumar Yadav 85 n.o., Shubham Ranjane 45 n.o.).	■ Railways 251 for six in 50 overs (Pratham Singh 44, Arindam Ghosh 79, Vikrant Singh 41, Karn Sharma 44, Varun Choudhary three for 58) lost to Services 252 for five in 48.5 overs (Nakul Verma 108, Rahul Singh Gahlaut 43, Rajat Paliwal 56).
■ Hyderabad 198 for nine in 50 overs (Ambati Rayudu 87 n.o.) bt Karnataka 177 in 45.2 overs (Devdutt Padikkal 60, Manish Pandey 48, B. Sandeep four for 35).	■ Rajasthan 102 in 40.1 overs (Roosh Kalaria three for 15, Arzan Nagwaswalla three for 30) lost to Gujarat 103 for three in 25.3 overs.
<b>Group B (Vadodara):</b> Delhi vs. Vidarbha, Baroda vs. Odisha, Maharashtra vs Uttar Pradesh. Matches washed out	<b>Plate (Dehradun):</b> Sikkim 111 for four in 21 overs (Gurinder Singh three for 19) lost to Chandigarh 115 for six in 20.4 overs.
<b>Group C (Jaipur):</b> Tamil Nadu 286 for seven in 50 overs (Vijay Shankar 41, Dinesh Karthik 97, Shahrulkh Khan 69 n.o.) bt Bengal 212 in 45.3 overs (Shahbaz Ahmed 107).	■ Uttarakhand vs. Manipur and Nagaland vs. Meghalaya. Matches washed out.
<b>Wednesday's matches</b>	
<b>Elite: Group A (Bengaluru):</b> Chhattisgarh v Karnataka, Jharkhand v Kerala, Andhra v Saurashtra	
<b>Group B (Vadodara):</b> Himachal Pradesh v Odisha, Haryana v Punjab, Maharashtra v Vidarbha	
<b>Plate (Dehradun):</b> Mizoram v Pondicherry, Assam v Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh v Chandigarh	

India men's hockey team keep winning

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**ANTWERP**

The Indian men's hockey team eked out a fighting 2-1 win over reigning World and European champion Belgium to register its fourth consecutive win of the tour here on Tuesday.

Amit Rohidas (10th minute) and Simranjeet Singh (52nd) scored for World No. 5 India.

Belgium's lone goal came from captain Felix Denayer in the 33rd minute.

The men will again face Belgium on Thursday.

Hyderabad races cancelled

**SPORTS BUREAU**  
**HYDERABAD**

The Board of Stewards of the Hyderabad Race Club (HRC) has resolved to cancel all races, except the Deccan Derby, scheduled to be held on Wednesday (Oct. 2).

Administrative reasons

According to a press release from the HRC, the decision to cancel was taken because of administrative reasons following the failure of negotiations between HRC trainers and stable employees in wage-related matters.

The new date for the Derby will be announced later.

Divij in quarterfinals

INDIANS ABROAD

**SPORTS BUREAU**  
**TOKYO**

Divij Sharan and Artem Sitak of New Zealand outplayed wild card entrants Luke Bambridge of Britain and Ben McLachlan of Japan 6-2, 6-3 in the doubles pre-quarterfinals of the \$2,046,340 ATP tennis here on Tuesday.

In the men's ITF Futures in Turkey, Adil Kalyanpur reached the second round with a 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 victory over Alexander Ovcharov of Russia.

**Other results:**  
**\$25,000 ITF men, Tay Ninh, Vietnam: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals:** Sidharth Rawat & Manish Sureshkumar bt Dac Tien Nguyen & Ha Minh Duc Vu (Vie) 6-4, 6-2.

**\$15,000 ITF men, Nanchang, China: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals:** Anirudh Chandrasekar & Vijay Sundar Prashanth bt Bingyu Yu & Weiqiang Zheng (Chn) 6-2, 6-1; Li-Wei Tan (Tpe) & Haitong Xia (Chn) bt Vasishth Cheruku & P.C. Vignesh 6-3, 6-4.

**\$15,000 ITF men, Santa Tecla,**

**El Salvador: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals:** Matt McBride & Aron Pierce (US) bt Gianfranco Panta (Per) 4-6, 6-3, [10-2].

**\$15,000 ITF men, Antalya, Turkey: Singles: First round:** Adil Kalyanpur bt Alexander Ovcharov (Rus) 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

**\$15,000 ITF women, Sharm El Sheikh: Singles: First round:** Aaliya Ebrahim bt Urszula Nebelska (Pol) 6-7(1), 6-3, 7-5.

**Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals:** Diana Maria Mihail (Rou) & Theiviya Selvarajoo (Mas) bt Sathwika Sama & Saumya Vig 7-6(4), 6-4; Viktoria Kalinina & Alexandra Mironova (Rus) bt Yara Abed (Isr) & Aalyka Ebrahim 6-2, 6-1.

**\$15,000 ITF women, Pretoria: Singles: First round:** Snehal Mane bt Georgia Hosking (RSA) 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; Sri Vaishnavi Peddi Reddy bt Sarah Pang (Sgp) 6-0, 6-0; Zeel Desai bt Adesuwa Osabuohien (US) 6-0, 6-0.

**Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals:** Maria Vittoria Viviani (Ita) & Ashmitha Easwaramurthy bt Adi Gavish (Isr) & Vivian Mayumi Toma (Bra) 6-1, 6-0.

**\$15,000 ITF women, Tabarka, Tunisia: Singles: First round:** Isabella Haverlag (Ned) bt Jennifer Luikham 7-5, 2-6, 6-2.

de Villiers set for BBL debut

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE**  
**SYDNEY**

South African great A.B. de Villiers will make his debut in Australia's Big Bash League during the 2019-20 season after signing with Brisbane Heat, the team announced on Tuesday.

The 35-year-old will join the Heat for the second half of the eight-team competition that runs from December to February.

Coach Darren Lehmann said he was "over the moon" to have the opportunity to work with de Villiers for the first time.



**A.B. De Villiers.** **■GETTY IMAGES**

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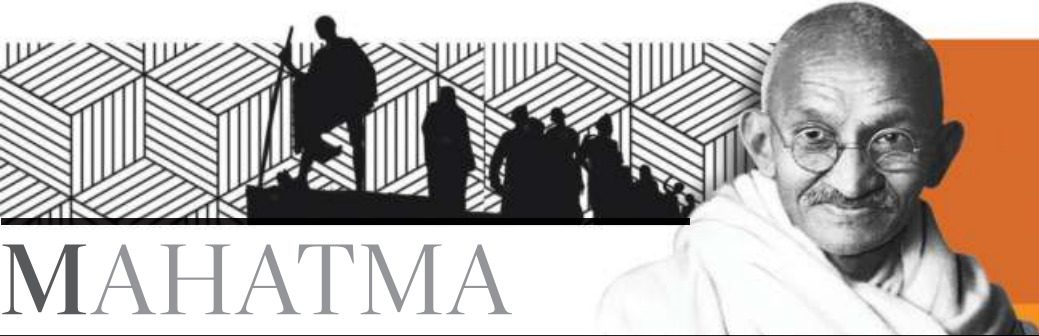
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“The generations to come, it may be, will scarce believe that such as one as this ever in flesh and blood walked upon this earth”  
Einstein on the occasion of Gandhiji's 75th birthday, dated September 29, 1944; From The Hindu, October 1, 1944

GOPALKRISHNA GANDHI

The pulse of a legacy in an age of heroics

Doctors of politics and history will tell us that the heart that defines his legacy does not beat but it seems to, and not so feebly



Birla House, New Delhi. 30 January, 1948:

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's Deputy Prime Minister, had been in deep, earnest conversation with Gandhi till just a few moments before the shots rang out. He had barely returned home close by, when he got the flash and rushed right back. "He sat down," records Pyarelal, Gandhi's biographer, "felt the pulse and fancied it was still beating feebly." Pyarelal goes on to say that a doctor at hand, Dr. B. P. Bhargava, examining the pulse and the eye reflexes, said slowly to Patel that death had occurred 10 minutes earlier. Gloom of a kind that had never been associated with the Sardar descended on him. A moment later Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru wreathed the site. The two – Patel and Nehru – embraced, united in grief, as a shaken yet self-possessed Governor General Mountbatten watched.

But why, why on earth, should we, on the anniversary, the sparklingly 'bright' 150th such, of Gandhi's birth be thinking of his death?

There is a reason: India and the world would have had little interest in the birth or the birth anniversary of this man if his life had not been what it was – a tussle between his passion, self-consuming faith in ahimsa and his being stalked, unceasingly, by the fiercest violence until the very last step he took on the earth.

And because something in ma-



Mahatma Gandhi's secretary addressing a mass meeting to a huge crowd at Bombay when a motion was passed to boycott British goods following the civil disobedience riots and demonstrations and arrest of Gandhi, in Bombay, May 6, 1930

ny – not all, but very many – of us world-wide wants to feel the pulse, as Patel did that day on his wrist, of Gandhi's legacy today to see if it is beating, even if ever so feebly.

Does it beat? Doctors of politics and history will tell us that it does not. And the world around us will concur. That is, of course, if it can spare the time to think upon this. Time now is not about that which makes history but that which makes headlines.

Lincoln, as President of the United States of America spoke his 272 words at Gettysburg in 1863

as he did, and Gandhi, as an sedition-accused, at his Great Trial in Ahmedabad in 1922 as he did, not because they expected to make or 'break' news but because they needed to, wanted to speak about political facts, civilisational verities, historical truths. When Lincoln rose to speak, Carl Sandburg, his biographer tells us, he took out from his coat pocket his notes, put on his steel eye-glasses, looked at the paper, put it back in his pocket and then made the speech that the world has not forgotten. A reporter of the Chicago "Tribune" telegraphed a sentence: "The dedicatory re-

marks of President Lincoln will live among the annals of man."

When Gandhi rose to speak in the Ahmedabad court room, he too had a text which he read from but only to go into the judge's mind, not any annals. No judge before or since Justice Broomfield has sentenced an accused in a way that makes the penalty seem like a decoration. That is history for us.

But this world of ours is not interested in history. Its staple is histrionics. This age is not about heroes or heroines, but of heroics. It is about the fabrication of appeal, not the building of understanding. Gandhi said in his Great Trial speech: "Affection cannot be manufactured or regulated by law. If one has no affection for a person or system, one should be free to give the fullest expression to his disaffection, so long as he does not contemplate, promote, or incite to violence." He stressed that last bit. Violence was not an option.

Violence is the signature of our times, terrorism its indelible ink. Brutal, cold-blooded, merciless, terrorist violence is aimed to kill innocents no less than 'targets'. And it has generated another violence, in racial hatred. Provocation and retaliation are the North and South Poles of the globe today as it rotates on the axis of mutually self-supporting suspicions.

A sloughing of values

Like the icecaps that are melting and sliding off the Poles, certain time-honoured values are flaking off that globe. These values are human rights, civil liberties and

democratic dissent. Where inclusion and accommodation were ideals, exclusion, dispossession, dis-entitlement rule. Names and words like 'outsider', 'infiltrator', 'illegal immigrant' are to be heard now in the same timbre and pitch in the world's most advanced 'liberal' democracies as in its entrenched autocracies.

Gandhi's legacy seems pulseless as the world moves from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to a Global Proclamation of Human Intolerance.

Idealism has gone through a make-over, emerging from the green room of contemporary political fashion in the shape and style of a 'no-nonsense' realism. Honesty, frankness, are of course the 'nonsense' that has been peeled off. This 'realism' sees human thought as a redundancy, human conscience a distraction. Truth – Gandhi's obsession – is assailed today not by its 'good old' opposite-number, untruth but by something else altogether, something that is so sinister as to make 'honest lies' look like a bored schoolboy. Truth faces today, world-wide, an unassailable foe: a miasma of fumes, vapours and shimmering mirages that first obscures, then obfuscates and finally obliterates the distinction between the true and the false, the real and the virtual, fact and fiction. All the world is, truly, a stage now, not as a Shakespearean cliché but in grim reality. And all of us are merely players – as data which data-holders can

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iD Fresh Food:  
Inspired by Gandhian Principles

By PC Musthafa

"The things that will destroy us are: politics without principle; pleasure without conscience; wealth without work; knowledge without character; business without morality; science without humanity; and worship without sacrifice." - Mahatma Gandhi We underestimate the power of inspiration. Several years ago, in a nondescript village school in Kerala, Mahatma Gandhi's words gave an adolescent, the son of a daily wage worker, the confidence to dream. "Find purpose. The means will follow," said Bapu.

Gandhiji's positivity, foresight and humaneness have impacted me – like countless others around the world – in ways that words cannot do justice to. At iD Fresh Food, we try to embrace Gandhi's principles of honesty and humility.

Today, as we celebrate the birth anniversary of the revolutionary leader, let's look at five of his spectacular sayings that have shaped iD Fresh Food's destiny:

\*It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

When my co-founders and I started iD Fresh Food in 2005, our mission was to serve home-made and healthy food – as an alternative to popular junk foods – sans any preservatives, emulsifiers, synthetic stabilizers, artificial colours, or flavours. Earlier this year, as India's largest fresh food brand, we began an earnest journey towards our organic roots, cutting down on our carbon footprint, with iD Organic. We make healthy, organic food accessible and affordable for all. Because we are what we eat.

\*Common sense is the realised sense of proportion.

A Harvard Business School Case Study, iD Fresh Food has consistently used common sense to be at the forefront of innovation. We solved the age-old problem of making vadas at home, for instance, by designing a pack that effortlessly shapes the batter into vadas through a unique spout. All it took is common sense to blend the complex art of traditional vada making with the simple science of modern technology.

\*Life is but an endless series of experiments.

At a time when home-made idly and dosa batters were sold in unhygienic plastic covers, iD Fresh Food brought the best of innovation to the ready-to-cook, fresh Indian foods market. Last year, we launched our unique Traditional Filter Coffee Decoction so that everybody can now brew the finest filter coffee, in an instant. The secret to our evolution – from a 50-sqft kitchen in Bengaluru to our presence today across India, UAE and the US – has been "an endless series of experiments". Gandhiji's evocative autobiography 'The Story of My Experiments with Truth' is a constant source of inspiration.

\*The soul of India lives in its villages.

Since inception, iD Fresh Food has provided employment opportunities to several youngsters from rural India. Even if they may lack formal education, there has been no dearth of talent and skill in our villages and small towns. As entrepreneurs from humble, rural backgrounds, my co-founders and I believe that entrepreneurship is a potent tool for socio-economic change. "Sanitation is more important than independence," Gandhiji had said. At iD Fresh Food, we religiously follow the mantra, making cleanliness and eco-friendliness an integral part of our business.

\*In a gentle way, you can shake the world.

Did you hear of our campaign for iD Trust Shop – the world's first branded shop with no salespersons? How about #ShareTheGoodness initiative launched on World Idly Day, #KhaanaKhaaya for Mother's Day, #iDPledge for Independence Day, and 'Meet Your Neighbour' campaigns? Social consciousness is at the heart of our company culture. At iD Fresh Food, we believe that trust begets trust. For the great man had said, "Be the change that you wish to see in the world". (The author is the Co-Founder & CEO of iD Fresh Food)



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VINAY LAL

# An environmentalist by nature

The Mahatma was a thinker with a profoundly ecological sensibility, though his writings and speeches do not mention the subject as it is spoken about today

The word “ecology” appears nowhere in Gandhiji’s writings, and he never spoke about environmental protection as such. Yet, as the Chipko Movement, the Narmada Bachao Andolan and in a very different context, the manifesto of the German Greens have shown, the impress of Gandhiji’s thinking on ecological movements has been felt widely.

The Norwegian philosopher, Arne Naess, who came up with the idea of “deep ecology”, had said it is from Gandhiji that he came to the realisation of “the essential oneness of all life”.

Gandhiji was a practitioner of recycling decades before the idea caught on in the West, and he initiated perhaps the most far-reaching critiques of the ideas of consumption and that fetish of the economist called “growth”. Thus, in myriad ways, we can believe that he was a thinker with a profoundly ecological sensibility.

In one of the several books that he wrote on India, V.S. Naipaul skewered Gandhiji for what he called his “narcissism”. Naipaul says Gandhiji’s autobiography is stunningly silent on the landscape, trees, vegetation or the much-vaunted English notion of “nature”, though he spent three years in London as a law student. It is certainly the case that Gandhiji was sparse in his discussion of the relationship of humans with their external environment.

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Mahatma Gandhi at Juhu after convalescing at Birla's Cottage, in 1938. ■THE HINDU PHOTO ARCHIVES



“The loss of that calming personality... will be deplored by all who seek for a peaceful solution of the world's difficulties. Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer

From The Hindu of January 31, 1948



Similarly, though Gandhiji was a great admirer of Thoreau and had read his Walden and the essay on ‘Walking’, I wonder what he made of Thoreau’s enterprise of retreating into the woods for a two-year stay. Gandhiji was no naturalist. When the English historian Edward Thompson once expressed his concern to him about the rapid disappearance of wildlife in India, Gandhiji reportedly replied, “Wildlife is decreasing in the jungles, but it is increasing in the towns.”

**Part of his being**  
The ecological dimensions of Gandhiji’s thinking cannot be comprehended unless one is prepared to accept that ecology, ethics and politics were deeply enmeshed into the very fabric of his being. Take, for example, his practice of observing 24 hours of silence regularly. The maun vrat has a honourable place in Hindu religiosity, and one might be tempted into thinking that Gandhiji was only following Hindu tradition – to take the argument further, it was his way of entering into an introspective state and making

himself receptive to the still voice within. A more political reading might suggest that it was also his way of bending the English to com-

municate on his terms. But it was also an ecological gesture, a mode of conserving energy and a devastating indictment of the modern industrial culture of noise and consumption. We talk too much, eat too much, and consume too much. The phrase “noise pollution” is nowhere in Gandhiji’s writings, but he had a full-fledged critique of it.

There are other respects (I shall take up only three) in which the ecological vision of Gandhiji’s life opens itself up to us. First, he was of the considered opinion that nature should be allowed to

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# The pulse of a legacy...

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get to play many parts, or none.

As with humans that are now digits, the world’s natural resources, mostly non-renewable, are now weapons – not for human well-being but for power games, getting ever so closely held, tightly and furtively, for the greater and greater good of the small and ever smaller number. Protecting the physical environment has activists working like the galley-slaves in the film “Mutiny on the Bounty”, but the Lieutenant Bligh equivalents in every country, on every continent have no Fletcher Christian to challenge them.

And amidst all this, the threat of regional wars and battles, glorified by hate, greased by fear, rises menacingly. Anything that shoots, sizzles, hisses, uproots gets

to be cheered. Anything that soothes, becalms, quietens, tends, nourishes, sneered at.

Disarmament, chemical, nuclear, biological seem like a Hitopadesha fable now and the Convention Against Torture, Panchatantra lore.

And yet  
That pulse seems to beat, and not so feebly.

As when the Supreme Court of India says in the now landmark judgment in *Puttaswamy vs. Union of India*: “Life and personal liberty are inalienable rights. These are rights which are inseparable from a dignified human existence. The dignity of the individual, equality between human beings and the quest for liberty are the foundational pillars of the Indian Constitution...”


And when Pandit Jasraj, of a voice of divine fragrances, composes Om Allah Om

in a moment of sheer inspiration to the entrancement of his audience and then goes on to sing it time and again to his and our rapture, our redemption.

But most tellingly, and universally when the Archbishop of Canterbury visits India in this centenary year of Jallianwala Bagh and is so completely overwhelmed by India’s truth that he prostrates at the monument, to atone.


There is in us Indians a Patel, too practical to be all ‘ideals’, but altogether too good to dismiss human values. When that Patel, real, not virtual, tries to feel the pulse of truth, provocation fails to inflame, propaganda fails to ignite, gullibility does not delude.

And which is when the pulse revives of the man whose death has made his birth priceless, his legacy timeless.



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Let us respect other religions even as we respect our own.

Man can move mountains by faith.

True happiness does not come from without; it comes from within.

He who loses his individuality loses all.

Selfless action is a source of strength

He who is unable to rule over self, can never really succeed in ruling over others.

No man is worthless who lightens anyone's burden at all


Our happiness and peace of mind lie in our doing what we regard as right and proper, not in doing what others say or do.

To seek a favour is to barter away one's freedom.

The greatness of a person lies in his heart, not in his head.

Drops make the ocean, the reason being that there is complete cohesion and cooperation among the drops.

From the Mahatma Gandhi Birth Centenary  
Supplement to The Hindu, October 2, 1969  
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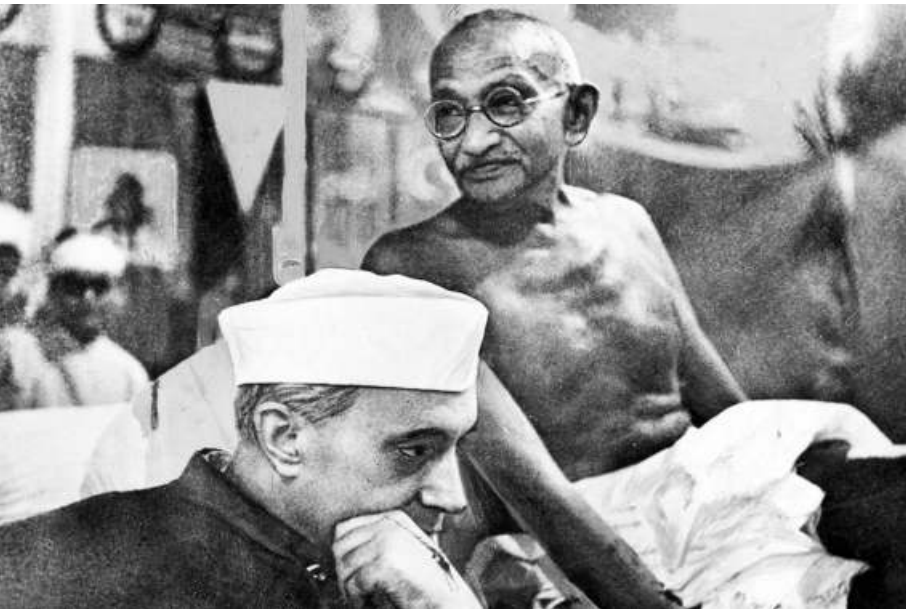
# An environmentalist by nature

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take its course. The environmental crises and “extreme weather events” that are upon us have been precipitated by the gross and appalling instrumentalisation of nature. The earth is not merely there to be mined, logged and hollowed out. However, we have to first preserve the ecological equanimity of the body. Nature’s creatures mind their own business; if humans were to do the same, we would not be required to legislate the health of all species. Gandhiji did not prevent others from killing snakes but a cobra entering his room was left alone. “I do not want to live at the cost of the life even of a snake,” he said.

Second, Gandhiji mounted a rigorous critique of the “waste” that is behind modern industrial civilisation in more ways than we imagine. European colonisation the world over was justified with the claim that natives and indigenous people “wasted” their land and did not render it sufficiently productive. But Gandhiji held the view that humans are prone to transform whatever they touch into waste. His close disciple and associate Kaka Kalelkar was in the habit of breaking off an entire twig merely for four or five neem leaves he needed to rub on the fibres of the carding-bow to make its strings pliant and supple. When Gandhiji saw that, he said: “This is violence. We should pluck the required number of leaves after offering an apology to the tree for doing so. But you broke off the whole twig, which is wasteful and wrong.”

Third, as is well known, Gandhiji was a staunch vegetarian, and he would have been pleased with a great deal of modern research which has established that the meat industry has put extreme pressures on the soil and water resources and the



“Though Gandhiji wrote no ecological treatise, he made one of his life”. Gandhi with Jawaharlal Nehru. •THE HINDU PHOTO ARCHIVES

massive increase in levels of meat consumption when people start entering the middle class in countries such as India. But to be “ecological” in sensibility also means harbouring a notion of largesse towards others; it is a way of being in the world.

European visitors to his ashram, where only vegetarian meals were prepared, had meat served to them if they desired. To inflict a new diet upon someone who was habituated to meat at every meal was, in Gandhiji’s thinking, a form of violence. As he once told Mirabeau, “People whose custom it is to eat meat should not stop doing so simply because I am present.”

Gandhiji strikes a remarkable chord with all those who have cherished the principles of non-injury, cared for the environment, practised vegetarianism, worked energetically to conserve air, soil, and water, resisted the depredations of developers, recycled paper, or accorded animals the dignity of humans.

In contemplating his life, his anticipation of the Anthropocene is striking. “God

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Mahatma Gandhi wrote: “Just after the morning prayer, I see your letter. I am glad about the notation of ‘Bande Mataram’ and ‘Jana-Gana’. I suppose you know that though I talk about national my ignorance of the language of notation is deplorable. An ignorant man, if he is faithful, can derive joy by prayer. Of course, wherever I am, Santipuratan is always in my heart.”


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Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Vice-President of the UNESCO Executive for 1948

From The Hindu of January 31, 1948



forbid that India should ever take to industrialism after the manner of the West. The economic imperialism of a single tiny island kingdom [England] is today keeping the world in chains. If an entire nation of 300 million took to similar economic exploitation, it would strip the world bare like locusts,” Gandhiji told an interlocutor in 1928.

What if, Gandhiji asks, nature was the bearer of rights? What would nature have to say on this subject? No less remarkably, though Gandhiji wrote no ecological treatise, he made one of his life. This is one life in which every minute act, emotion or thought was not without its place. The brevity of Gandhiji’s enormous writings, his small meals of nuts and fruits, his morning ablutions and everyday bodily practices, his periodic observances of silence, his morning walks, his cultivation of the small as much as of the big, his abhorrence of waste, his resort to fasting – all these point to the manner in which he orchestrated the symphony of life. No philosopher of ecology could have done as much.

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When a man submits to constituted authority, it means he is paying the price of personal freedom.

If we are careful about the means, the end will take care of itself.

Confession of error works like a broom. The broom sweeps away filth; confession does no less.

In complete non-violence, there is complete absence of hatred.

Prayer needs a heart, not a voice. Without the heart, words have no meaning.

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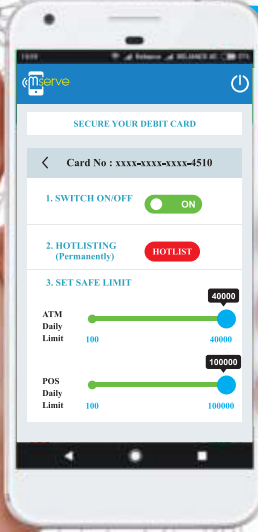
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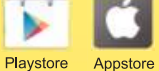


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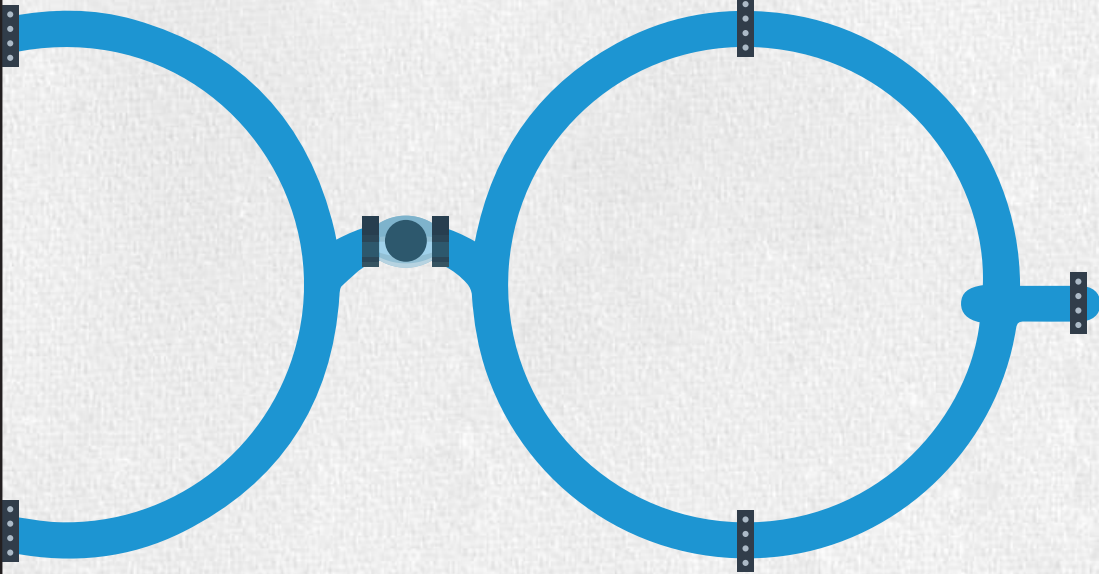


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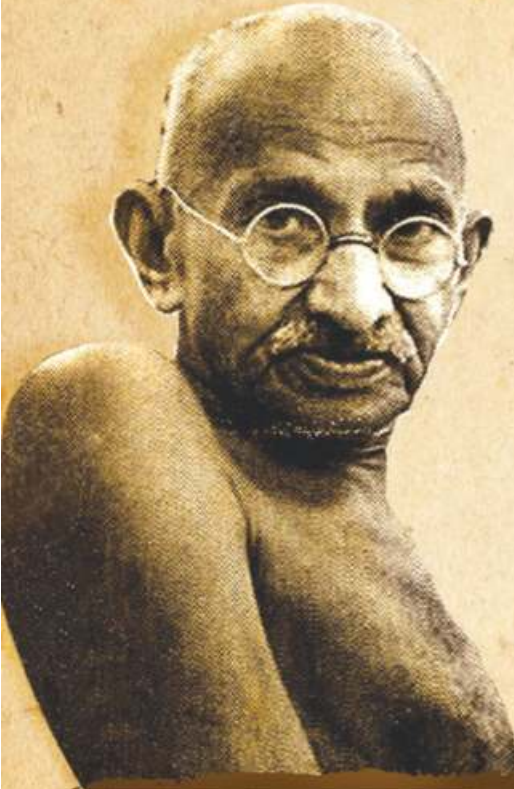
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# The evolution of Gandhi’s thought

The Mahatma’s connect with the poor in India made him change his views expressed in ‘Hind Swaraj’

The reader need not be reminded that it was in South Africa that Gandhi perfected the mode of Passive Resistance, which he later called “satyagraha”, to defend the interests of the Indian community in South Africa. During this period he was greatly influenced by the writings of Leo Tolstoy and John Ruskin: from the former he derived mainly his hatred of violence and consumerism, and from the latter, respect for labour and concern for the poor. But he took their critiques to apply to the western industrial society alone, and held that old Indian society was free of the evils the West suffered from. This basic thesis was advanced in his *Hind Swaraj*, composed in 1909.

The evils of western societies which India on obtaining Swaraj was to abstain from, as listed in this text, are startling: Electoral democracy was one such evil, for Parliaments were “really emblems of slavery”. Women were to have no employment outside the home: otherwise there would arise evils such as the suffragette movement in the West (demanding women’s right to vote). Above all, modern industry based on machinery was to be shunned. There were some faults in existing Indian society that he conceded, such as child marriage and polyandry, but no mention is made of polygamy or untouchability. The caste system is indirectly praised for having barred market competition by assigning a fixed occupation to everyone. It is proclaimed that India was being ruined by the three evils brought by the British, viz. railways, lawyers and doctors. He goes on even to say that rather than build cotton mills in India, India should continue to buy from Manchester! There was no need for compulsory education; “religious education” imparted by “Mullas, [Parsi] Dasturs and Brahmans” was enough.

**On the poor**  
It is remarkable that while Gandhi shows so much concern for the poor, he does not present any proposal in *Hind Swaraj* for the removal or alleviation of poverty itself. This is, perhaps, mainly because of his belief, unexpressed here but firmly held, in the sanctity of rights of property. As for political action for people to obtain what they legitimately wanted, ‘passive resistance’ was to be the means, to be undertaken, but only by those who “observe perfect chastity, adopt poverty, follow truth, cultivate fearlessness”. No further guidance on how India under Swaraj was to be governed is provided. The only modern notion adopted is that of ‘nation’, which, as in the rest of the world, says Gandhi, is not to be identified with any one religion.

When Gandhi arrived in India early in 1915, these were his views, despite a reprimand over them from his chosen guru, Gopal Krishna Gokhale (d.1915), who had visited South Africa in 1912. Yet there proved in time to be a teacher for Gandhi, far severer than Gokhale, namely, the Indian poor themselves, for they too had ideas for their own salvation quite different from what Gandhi had chosen to prescribe for them in *Hind Swaraj*. The very first issue he encountered in India was that of untouchability, a matter ignored in *Hind Swaraj*. Immediately after he established his ashram at Ahmedabad in 1915 a crisis erupted when he admitted to it an ‘untouchable’ couple. But he withstood it, the couple stayed; and henceforth on this matter Gandhi would give no concession. If he yet went on affirming his faith in varnashram, this was done more or less to keep peace with the bulk of the upper castes.

When Gandhi initiated his first popular agitation in India in 1917, namely, the



Gandhi (seated second from left) with Gopal Krishna Gokhale (seated third) during the 1912 visit by Gokhale to South Africa. ■ UNIVERSAL IMAGES GROUP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Champaran struggle against indigo-planters, the issues raised certainly impinged on what the planters regarded as their proprietary rights; and in 1918 when Gandhi went on a hunger-strike in favour of striking textile mill workers, this could hardly be regarded as consistent with his own nihilistic attitude towards modern industry.

Gandhiji’s ideas were put to test still more fundamentally during the Non-Cooperation movement, 1920-22. The main demand initially was for protection of ‘Khilafat’, a purely Islamic institution under the aegis of Ottoman Turkey, now threatened by the victorious Allies – Britain and France. This could well be justified by the invocation of religion as a legitimate source of political action, implicit in *Hind Swaraj*. But for larger mass support the demand for Swaraj was added to it; and this essentially meant drawing peasants into the struggle. Their role, however, could only be effective if they ceased paying rent to the landlords, who in turn would not then be able to pay the land-tax to the Government. But this struck against Gandhi’s notion of protection of property, and he specifically prohibited such action by peasants in U.P. through his “instructions” issued in February 1921. Yet peasants, especially in U.P., defied the injunction in many places.

**The village connect**  
The experience of the Non-Cooperation movement, led Gandhiji to formulate in 1924, his ‘Constructive Programme’. He had by now made his peace with electoral democracy by advocating optional universal suffrage for legislative bodies in an article in 1924. His Constructive Programme concentrated on work in the villages, involving the promotion of Khadi (hand-woven cloth out of hand-spun cotton), which was in line with his rejection of machine-made cloth, though here opposition to use of foreign, especially British, manufactured cloth was also involved. Allied with this project was a campaign for Hindu-Muslim unity and removal of untouchability.

Simultaneously Gandhi developed his theory of the property-owners as custodians of the poor, the mill-owners looking after their workers, and landlords, after their tenants. This was part of an obvious bid to overcome class antagonisms. However, the approach was bound to have little practical consequence, since few Zamindars came forward to shower money on their tenants.

When the next cycle of Civil Disobedience began in 1930, the acute distress of peasants owing to the Great Depression of 1929-32, tended to convert it largely into a peasant struggle. There was also now a growing industrial working class. To both peasants and workers the radical approach of Jawaharlal Nehru, himself greatly influenced by the Soviet Revolution of 1917, made a special appeal. Gandhi had already recognised the importance of Nehru as a figure commanding great popularity; and there is no doubt that he was now prepared to make concessions to Nehru’s ap-

proach. So came about his readiness to espouse Nehru’s draft resolution on Fundamental Rights, which Gandhi himself moved at the Karachi session of the Congress on 31 March 1931.

This resolution established many principles in favour of which Gandhi had not yet pronounced, such as equality between men and women not only as voters, but also in appointments to public offices and exercise of trade: reduction of agricultural rent and levy of tax on landlord incomes, state ownership or control of key industries, and, finally, scaling down of the debts of the poor. Perhaps, Gandhiji later wished to draw back from some of what he had conceded (“a heavy price for the allegiance of Jawaharlal”, in the words of Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru). Thus to Nehru’s clear chagrin, he assured zamindars in U.P. that he would stand by them, if anyone attacked their rights; and when in September 1934 he resigned (formally) from the Congress, he cited as a grievance the rise of the “socialist group” in the Congress. Yet there is no evidence that he opposed in any manner the Congress Provincial Governments in U.P. and Bihar in 1937-39 when they framed their legislation restricting zamindars’ rights in relation to their tenants.

**Poona Pact**  
During these years, in fact, Gandhi chose for his main activity the welfare of the Depressed Castes, whom he now called Harijans. Provoked by the British Government’s Communal Award of August 1932, he went on fast against separate electorates created for depressed castes. This led to the well-known Poona Pact between depressed caste leaders, and caste Hindu representatives. Contrary to present-day denunciations of the Pact, it actually improved the representation of the Depressed Castes by more than doubling the seats reserved for them in the Provincial Legislatures, and providing 18% reservation (against none in the Communal Award) in the Central Legislature. There

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was also provision for an initial vote among Depressed Caste voters to select four eligible candidates for each reserved seat.

The Poona Pact proved a signal for Gandhiji from 1932 onward to initiate a nationwide campaign against untouchability and for ‘Harijan’ uplift. Increasingly, Gandhi now avoided giving any sanction to the caste system, or any philosophical defence of varnashram.

It is difficult to assess how much the experience of the Second World War (1939-45) and the Quit-India movement of 1942 further altered Gandhiji’s social views. It is possible that he continued to cherish some nostalgia for a rural India, content with its poverty, as envisioned in *Hind Swaraj*, and a reassertion of the responsibilities of the rich as custodians of the poor. But, by and large, his rejection of the inequities of the caste system and of discrimination against women became only sharper.

Above all, his concerns for Hindu-Muslim unity became ever more focused as he stood rock-like against communal violence that enveloped the country in the year of Independence. In his last great act, he went on fast in January 1948 to make India pay ₹55 crore, the sum due to Pakistan, while both countries were at war with each other, and to get Muslims in Delhi back to their homes, from which they had been driven out. Here in practice, was a real assertion of internationalism and sheer humanity – for which he paid with his life on January 30, 1948. It is fitting to remember that on the issue of communal amity Gandhi thus remained as firm till the end as he was at the time of writing *Hind Swaraj*.

Irfan Habib is an eminent historian and former chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research

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# Do you know your Mahatma?

A quiz on some lesser-known facts and highlights from the life of the Father of the Nation

Questions

1. In the Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi family tree, who are Raliyatben, Laxmidas and Karsandas?
2. How old was Mohandas when he married Kasturba Kapadia and how many children did they have?
3. Name the Tamil girl, martyred at 16, whom Gandhiji has gone on record as saying was an inspiration for him to stay the course in the fight for equality in South Africa.
4. An incident that took place on the night of June 7, 1893, acted as a catalyst for Gandhiji to fight against race and colour prejudices. Where and what?
5. After many campaigns and arrests in South Africa, Gandhiji returned to India on January 9, 1915. How is the date commemorated?
6. In late 1919, he assumed the editorship of two publications. Name both.
7. On September 22, 1921, what momentous decision did he take in Madurai that changed the way the world looked at him?
8. Who was responsible for giving Mohandas Gandhi the title 'Mahatma' and who is anyone, 10. Albert Einstein

said to have first referred to him as 'Rashtriyapitha' (Father of the Nation)  
9. The apostle of Peace was nominated for the Nobel Prize five times between

1937 and 1948 without winning even once. How did the Nobel Committee honour the Mahatma after he was assassinated?  
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IN BRIEF



**Lata Mangeskar makes her Instagram debut**

MUMBAI  
Legendary singer Lata Mangeskar has joined Instagram. The singer, who recently turned 90, made her foray into the photo-and-video sharing platform on Monday. She announced the news of her debut on Twitter and shared a photo of herself holding the book *Didi Aur Main*, based on her life, on Instagram. PTI



**Bhardwaj's adaptation of Rushdie novel is on hold**

MUMBAI  
Filmmaker Vishal Bhardwaj says his upcoming Netflix adaptation of Salman Rushdie's novel *Midnight's Children* has been put on hold. Mr. Bhardwaj was to serve as the showrunner and executive producer on the series. PTI



**Stranger Things renewed for season four**

LOS ANGELES  
Netflix has renewed its smash hit show *Stranger Things* for a fourth season. Created by Matt and Ross Duffer, the show is set in the fictional U.S. town of Hawkins in the 1980s that becomes the centre of supernatural events. It features Winona Ryder, David Harbour and Millie Bobby Brown. The teaser indicates that the story will move beyond the town. PTI

# Unusual movement of moths and butterflies causing a flutter

Scientists worry that climate change is prompting a habitat change in Himalayas

**SHIV SAHAY SINGH**  
KOLKATA

The butterfly named Himalayan tailless bushblue (*Arhopala ganesa ganesa*) was known to occur at an altitude between 1,300 m to 2,400 m in Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand. Recent studies however, have located the species at 3,577 m in Askot Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttarakhand, at least 1,200 m higher than it's known range.

An upward habitat shift has also been found for the blue baron (*Euthalia telchiria*), a butterfly species protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. While earlier it was known to be found at an altitude of 1,500 m in the central Himalayas, north-east India and the Western Ghats, researchers recorded it at 2,100 m at Neora Valley National Park, West Bengal.

In the case of some species of moth, a similar uphill movement of habitat was recorded. The *Trachea auriplena* – described from Sri Lanka at about 300 m altitude – was recorded at 3,100 m in the Valley of Flowers National Park (Uttarakhand), an unusual occurrence for the species. Another moth species *Diphtherocome fasciata* was recorded at 3,300 m in the Govind Wildlife Sanctuary (Uttarakhand), at least 2,200 m higher than its previous range.

These occurrences have come to light in a publication titled 'Assemblages Of Lepidoptera in selected protected areas across Indian Himalaya through long-term ecological monitoring' released during the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Lepidoptera Conservation Symposium organised in Kolkata. The volume, published by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), is a result of three years of study across 175 long-term ecological monitoring plots across six Himalayan regions, from the cold deserts of Ladakh to the tropical evergreen forests of Arunachal Pradesh.

The volume edited by ZSI scientists Kailash Chandra, Navneet Singh, Vikas Kumar, Angshuman Raha and Abesh Kumar Sanyal runs over 400 pages and also records 1,758 species of butterflies and moths.

The sites were systematically sampled for moth abundance by light trapping and butterfly abundance through systematic walks and vegetation study. Another significant outcome of the study, which involved more



**Winged beauties:** *Arhopala ganesa ganesa* and, below, *Diphtherocome fasciata*. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

than a dozen of scientists and researchers, is that 89 species of Lepidoptera were recorded as new additions to Indian fauna.

**Ecology indicators**

"Lepidoptera (moths and butterflies) are known as potent ecological indicators and the ZSI through the publication has drawn attention to climate change and conservation of such species. The methodologies and the outcomes of this study can be adopted for other faunal groups elsewhere in the country," said Dr. Chandra, Director of ZSI.

Highlighting the intricate relationship between Lepidoptera and vegetation, Navneet Singh said that their distribution depends on and

shifts with changes in vegetation. "During the study, we found that most of the species that were found at lower altitude had moved up. In rare cases, we have found a reverse trend," he said.

Scientists, including representatives of the Ministry of Environment and Forest and Climate Change (MOEFCC) who participated in the conference, said that the publication not only records specific Lepidoptera species at different altitudes but also creates a baseline and long-term database of Lepidoptera assemblages of the Indian Himalayas required for assessing climate change.

Ravi Agarwal, Additional Secretary, MOEFCC, said that the publication has "bi-directional implications" to assess climate change impacts of the Himalayan ecosystem and generating awareness among nature enthusiasts about immense ecological roles of insects and their conservation significance.

Abesh Sanyal, another researcher who worked on the field, said that during the study it was observed that several species which were found in other parts of country had been reported in north-western, western, central and eastern Himalayan faunal composition.

"As climate change most pronouncedly influences species' habitable range, whether these species were already flying in these sectors, or they are recent infiltrators due to climatic homogenisation, will be subject to further studies," Dr. Sanyal said, adding that "such huge numbers of lateral movement of species can be a cause for concern".



**On the edge:** Models presenting creations by Chanel at the Grand Palais in Paris. ■AFP

# Chanel recreates Parisian rooftops for fashion show

Rapper Cardi B and actor Isabelle Adjani among the guests

## Comedian gatecrashes

**REUTERS**  
PARIS

Chanel paraded its models along Paris' emblematic grey zinc rooftops for its fashion show on Tuesday, in an atmospheric recreation of the city's skyline complete with a brooding sky.

The French brand, known for its larger-than-life sets popularised under late designer Karl Lagerfeld, is one of the last major labels on display as Paris Fashion Week comes to a close, along with LVMH's Louis Vuitton.

All eyes are on how Lagerfeld's successor Virginie Viard, who worked behind the scenes for many years at Chanel, will mark her stamp on the brand, after several months in the job.

The latest ready-to-wear collection, for next spring and summer, was decidedly youthful, with cropped, playsuit versions of its famed tweed suits setting the tone, and plenty of coral and red

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE**  
PARIS

Supermodel Gigi Hadid confronted a gatecrasher at Chanel's Paris fashion week show on Tuesday after the woman walked unchecked onto the catwalk with the models for the big finale.

The woman ran down from her seat and joined the models as they did their last walk along a spectacular set recreating the roofs of Paris inside the Grand Palais.

With security guards left floundering, Hadid – who walked in the show with her sister Bella – confronted the gatecrasher as she tried to

further upstage the models, with the two facing off on the set. The daring infiltrator was dressed from head to toe in a black and white Chanel-like tweed suit and hat, and slipped unnoticed onto the catwalk.

Marie Benoliel, a French comedian and YouTube known as Marie S'Infiltrer (Marie Sneaks In), later claimed credit for the stunt.

Guards only realised that she had joined the models when it was too late to intervene.

By then the woman was giving it her all, sashaying down the catwalk.

# Global opera legend Jessye Norman passes away at 74

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE**  
NEW YORK

Celebrated opera singer Jessye Norman, an American soprano who showcased her majestic voice in performances around the world, died Monday, her family said. She was 74 years old.

The Grammy winner died "surrounded by loved ones" at a New York hospital due to septic shock and multi-organ failure after complications from a 2015 spinal cord injury, a statement said.

"We are so proud of Jessye's musical achievements and the inspiration that she provided to audiences around the world that will continue to be a source of joy," said her family.

Praising her "beautiful tone, extraordinary power, and musical sensitivity," New York's Metropolitan Opera – where she sang more than 80 performances – dedicated its Monday



show of *Porgy and Bess* to Norman.

"Jessye Norman was one of the greatest artists to ever sing on our stage," said general manager Peter Gelb in a statement. "Her legacy shall forever live on."

Born September 15, 1945 in Augusta, Georgia, Norman grew up surrounded by music as one of five children

in a family of amateur artists.

She made a foray into gospel at age four, and as a young girl began listening to radio broadcasts of performances at the Metropolitan Opera, where she would eventually become legend.

"I don't remember a moment in my life when I wasn't trying to sing," she told NPR in 2014.

A pioneering young black woman in the white world of classical music, Norman quickly became beloved for her seemingly effortless soaring voice and effervescent personality.

Her notable performances include two U.S. presidential inaugurations, the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations of Britain's Queen Elizabeth, the opening ceremonies of the Atlanta Summer Olympics in 1996, and at the bicentennial of the French Revolution in Paris in 1989.

## Lean in



**Challenge your brain:** A woman observing a painting in a room with an inclined plane during the preview of 'Tricked! – The spectacular illusion exhibition' at Augustusburg castle in Augustusburg, Germany, on Tuesday. The show, which presents paintings by Mexican artist Yunuen Esparza, deals with the functioning of the eye and the laws of optics. ■AP

# Russia marks 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Kalashnikov

The designer of the AK-47 is seen as a national hero and a symbol of the country's proud military past

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE**  
MOSCOW

Dozens of cadets and youngsters from Russia's Youth Army have been getting up close and personal with perhaps the world's most iconic firearm as their country prepares to mark the centenary of the birth of Mikhail Kalashnikov, maker of the legendary rifle.

At Victory Museum in western Moscow, visitors including the young cadets are invited to assemble Kalashnikovs and pose for selfies at the exhibition dedicated to the famous automatic weapon. Russia will next month celebrate the life of Kalashnikov, designer of the AK-47, with a number of events, including the museum display and a biopic.



**Shooting star:** A cadet viewing a display on Kalashnikov at the Victory Museum in Moscow. ■AFP

Kalashnikov, who died in 2013 at the age of 94, is seen in Russia as a national hero and symbol of the country's proud military past.

His AK-47 has become a weapon of choice for both guerrillas and governments the world over.

The exhibition was put together by the Kalashnikov museum in Izhevsk, an industrial town in the Ural mountains, where the inventor worked at the Izhmash weapons factory until his retirement.

Alexander Yermakov, the museum's deputy director, said he hoped the inventor's story would inspire "the next generation of Kalashnikovs".

**Heaped with prizes**

Kalashnikov was showered with every possible major prize in the Soviet Union, and the Kremlin in 2009 gave him the highest honour – Hero of Russia.

In 2017, authorities unveiled a monument to Kalashnikov holding his weapon in central Moscow.

Born in a Siberian village on November 10, 1919, Kalashnikov had a tragic childhood during which his father was deported as a "kulak" (prosperous peasant) in 1930.

Wounded during a bloody battle with Nazi forces in 1941, Kalashnikov was given a leave during which he thought up the first versions of the rifle.

In 1945, a prototype was entered into a competition and the design was eventually recommended for use in the Soviet army.

It quickly became prized for its simplicity, cheapness and sturdy reliability.

AK-47's name stands for "Kalashnikov's Automatic" and the year its final version was designed, 1947.

# Humans pollute more than volcanoes: study

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are 100 times greater

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE**  
PARIS

Human activity churns out up to 100 times more planet-warming carbon each year as all the volcanoes on Earth, says a decade-long study released Tuesday.

The Deep Carbon Observatory (DCO), a 500-strong international team of scientists, released a series of papers outlining how carbon is stored, emitted and reabsorbed by natural and manmade processes.

They found that manmade carbon dioxide emissions drastically outstrip the contribution of volcanoes – which belch out gas and are often fingered as a major climate change contributor – to current warming rates.

The findings were published in the journal *Elements*.

Manmade emissions in 2018 alone topped 37 gigatonnes.

Celina Suarez, associate professor of geology at the University of Arkansas, said modern manmade emissions were the "same magnitude" as past carbon shocks that precipitated mass extinction.

"We are on the same level of carbon catastrophe which is a bit sobering," she said.

By comparison, the CO<sub>2</sub> released annually by volcanoes hovers around 0.3 and 0.4 gigatonnes – roughly 100 times less than manmade emissions.

# Huge iceberg breaks off Antarctica

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE**  
WASHINGTON

A more than 1,500 sq.km. iceberg recently broke off Antarctica, but the event is part of a normal cycle and is not related to climate change, scientists say.

The iceberg, dubbed D28, broke away from the Amery ice shelf between September 24 and 25, according to observations from European and American satellites.

It is about 210 metres thick and contains 315 billion tonnes of ice, American glaciologist Helen Amanda Fricker said.

The figures are huge, but iceberg production is part of the normal cycle of ice shelves, which are an extension of the ice cap, she said. "Ice shelves have to lose mass because they gain mass. They want to stay the same size," said Ms. Fricker, a professor at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California.

The gain in mass comes from snow falling on the continent and glaciers that move slowly toward the shore. The east of Antarctica – where D28 broke off – is different from the west of the continent and Greenland, which are rapidly warming due to climate change.



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